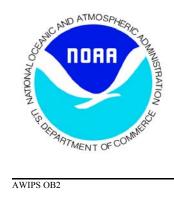
# Watch, Warning, Advisory Application (WWA)



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#### 1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

Watch, Warning, Advisory (WWA) is an AWIPS application designed to support mission critical dissemination of National Weather Service (NWS) watch, warning, and advisory forecast products. This manual is intended to deliver overview of the WWA application as well as configuration steps and user instructions to effectively operated this application. Questions can be addressed by the Meteorological Development Laboratory's (MDL) customer representative listed in section 4.2 of this document.

#### 1.1. WWA Client

The WWA Geographical Viewer, or GeoViewer as it's typically called, along with the WWA Composer and WWA Monitor collectively makeup the primary WWA client interfaces, used operationally to generate watch, warning, and advisory products. This section breaks down each interface, provides a description of related functionality, and specific details on options available to assist in the product generation process.

## 1.1.1. WWA Geographical Viewer (GeoViewer)

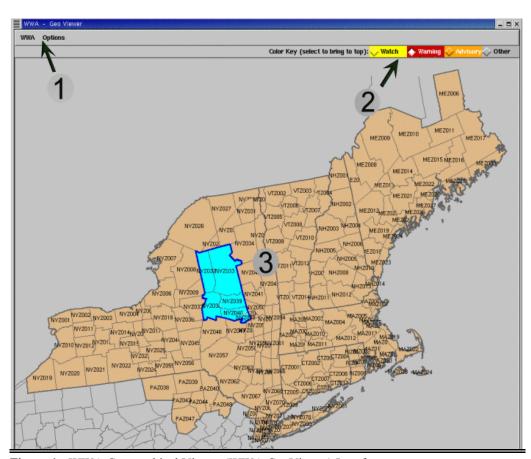


Figure 1 - WWA Geographical Viewer (WWA GeoViewer) Interface

The WWA GeoViewer provides selectable county, zone, marine, and fire weather maps to graphically identify areas of interest when generating watch, warning, and advisory products. A secondary function displays all active watches, warnings, and advisories issued by the local and surrounding WFOs, also known as intersite coordination.

Figure 1, location 1, denotes a standard menu bar containing the following options:

<u>WWA</u>: Menu option that contains the functions: *New*, *Monitor*, *Close*, and *Exit*, providing tools to manage WWA interfaces.

New: Open the WWA Composer.

**Monitor**: Open the WWA Monitor.

**Close**: Close the WWA Geo-Viewer.

**Exit**: Exit the WWA application.

**Options**: Menu option that affects the geographical viewing area of the GeoViewer though functions like zoom, font selections, map toggles, and toggles between map overlays.

**Zoom in/out**: This radio button provides a one level zoom, in and out, from the center point of the displayed map.

Zone, County, Fire Map: This radio button was provided to manually switch between zone, county, and fire weather map backgrounds. During the actual product generation process the correct map background will atomically display based on the requirements of the selected hazard. Finally, marine zones are supported and are tied to the land based zone background.

**Shifting Outlines**: Shift county/zone outlines for multiple hazards.

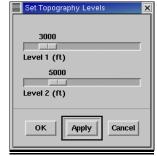
**Topography**: Check button to activate/deactivate topographical symbols of local terrain on GeoViewer map.

<u>UGC's</u>: Check button to display UGC values for county map background.

<u>Names</u>: Check button to display zone or county names on associated map background.

<u>Topography Levels</u>: Independent users interface to set local topography levels as needed - See figure 2.

<u>Font</u>: Menu option presents a cascading menu to three way radio buttons that change map overlays such as UGC's and Names to small, medium, and Large sizes.



**Figure 2** - GeoViewer Topography Levels Interface

The second identifier in the figure 1 GeoViewer example represents watch, warning, advisory, and other filters color coded yellow, red, orange, grey respectively. Because multiple WWA products can be active for the geographical area, this four way toggle was added to help filter active products during complex weather situations. Another filtered display is provided by moving the mouse over a county or zone of interest and then holding the center mouse button down. Doing this will display a list of active products along with the associated expiration times.

Identifier 3, figure 1, represents the viewable GeoViewer map. Not shown in this example is the additional popup menu displayed with a right mouse click. Options presented from this menu are:

**Restore Original Selection**: Option to restore previous zone/county selections from a primed WWA Monitor product.

<u>Select IFPS Zone Forecast Combo</u>: Selects zone/county groups as defined by local IFPS.

**Deselect IPFS Zone Forecast Combo**: Deselects zone/county groups as defined by local IFPS.

Select Region (< Region>): Selects all zone or county locations of listed region, within valid CWA.

**<u>Deselect Region</u>**: Deselects all zone or county locations of associated region.

**Select Region (<State>)**: Selects all zone or county locations of listed state, within valid CWA.

**<u>Deselect State</u>**: Deselects any selected zone or county located in the listed state.

**Select All**: Selects all zones or counties withing WFO CWA.

**<u>Deselect All</u>**: Deselects any selected zone/county in GeoViewer map.

## 1.1.2. WWA Composer

The WWA Composer interface provides necessary parameters needed in the product generation process which included the selection of mode, hazard type, time fields, free text editing, call-to-action statements and more. This interface can be broken down into six major sections as identified in figure 3.

As new OB2 functionality was added, interface space became limited and because of this a menu bar (1) was developed into the WWA Composer. As part of the WWA self-contained model some menu options were provided, but grayed out (unselectable) until development is complete. Below is a list of each item found in the WWA Composer menu bar, **black** for active and **grey** for inactive functions:

<u>File</u>: Menu option that contains a *Close* function to exit the WWA composer interface. This functionality echos the *Close* button found on the bottom right of the composer interface.

**Forecaster Identification**: This function launches a separate user interface providing a selectable list of predefined forecaster identification, which are appended to the end of issued products. Default setting is "off" or no selection.

**Headline Editor**: This checkbox activates a headline editor to edit standardized headlines before transmitting.

<u>Mode</u>: This cascading menu contains a toggle between *Active*, *Practice*, *Test*, and *Proposed* modes. Each selected state maintains its setting until altered by the forecaster or reset to the default, *Active*, setting upon client startup.

**Active**: Default and operational setting.

**<u>Practice</u>**: A function to generate WWA products without actually disseminating publically.

<u>Test</u>: Sets the WWA application to work exactly like the active function with the word "TEST" strategically placed in the final product. Products will disseminate publically.

**Proposed**: Setting used as an intersite coordination tool. Not used for public dissemination.

<u>Site Backup</u>: Cascading menu to select site service backup.

<u>Reset All</u>: Resets the following: overview/synopsis & descriptive text fields, GeoViewer, time functions, tone alert, bullets, headlines, and hazard menu selections to the default settings.

**Reset Times**: Resets the beginning, duration, and expiration time fields located on the WWA composer to the default values.

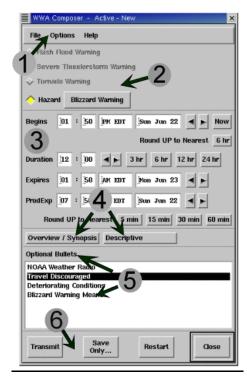


Figure 3 - WWA Composer Interface

<u>Reset Geographical Area</u>: Resets any selected zone/county fields located in the active GeoViewer map to the default setting.

Reset Bullets: Resets any selected bullets located on the WWA composer interface to the default setting.

**Help**: Menu function with access to WWA help options.

Help Menu: Inactive function until defined

The Composer presents a, nationally supported, selectable list of hazard types (2) in a cascading menu. The existence of products listed are nationally supported to ensure database integrity, however local settings of each product remains the responsibility of the WFO. For more information on how to configure WWA reference section 2 of this document along with the WWA Admin Users Manual referenced in section 4.2 For a complete list hazard types reference section 1.10.

Generated WWA products require four unique time fields (3) defined by the forecaster during the preparation process. These time fields are:

**Begins**: Hazard start time. Default current time.

**<u>Duration</u>**: Hazard end time. Setting this time field whether through the provided 3hr, 6hr, 12hr, 24hr buttons or through the entry box will automatically adjust the *Expires* and *ProdExp* time fields.

**Expires**: Hazard termination time.

**ProdExp**: WWA hazard expiration time. IE, WWA product purge time from application.

Many NWS products require forecaster free text input consisting of Overview/Synopsis and/or Descriptive Text. This dynamic text is entered into appropriate Free Text Editor (FTE) launched from the Overview/Synopsis and Descriptive Text buttons from the Composer interface (4). For more information on the FTE or capturing free text reference section 1.1.4. of this document.

Optional Bullets or commonly addressed as Call-to-Action Statements and are presented to the forecaster in a multi-selectable list box (5). Bullet definitions are retrieved from WWA associated template files predefined by the WWA Administrator.

Finally, the ability to transmit, store, reset, or backout from the WWA composer can be found on the interfaces button bar (6). Four options are provided:

**Transmit**: Launch WWA Transmit interface, last view before dissemination.

**Save Only**: Save defined segment to WWA Monitor. Typically done as part of multi-segmented product generation.

**Restart**: Reset the current WWA Composer & GeoViewer to default settings.

<u>Close</u>: Close the WWA Composer interface.

## 1.1.3. WWA Monitor

The WWA Monitor serves as a product tracking tool to manage life cycle states for the local office and issued products display for adjacent WFOs using the WWA application. This interface can be broken down into three major sections as shown in figure 4. Section 1 represents the menu bar that contains the following options:

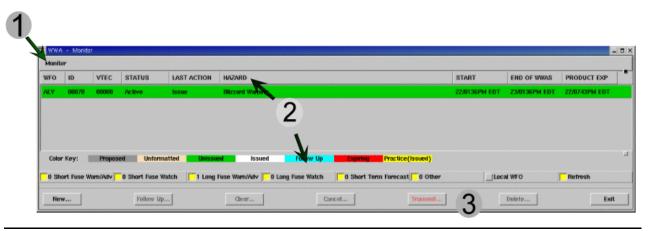


Figure 4 - WWA Monitor Interface

<u>Monitor</u>: Menu option that contains the functions: *New*, *GeoViewer*, *Close*, and *Exit*, providing tools to manage WWA interfaces.

New: Open the WWA Composer.

GeoViewer: Open the WWA GeoViewer.

**Close**: Close the WWA Monitor.

**Exit**: Exit the WWA application.

The next section (2) provides a titled list box of each product/segment catalogued along with the appropriate color code denoting the life cycle state. Each product listed contains details as defined below:

**WFO**: Three letter site id (EG, ALY)

**ID**: Internal WWA identification number

<u>VTEC</u>: VTEC ETN number (SPC watch # for WCN, or sequential hazard counter local to WFO).

**STATUS**: Lists the current life cycle state of the WWA product.

<u>LAST ACTION</u>: Indicates last product life cycle action of WWA product. Life cycle states include: Proposed, unformatted, unissued, issued, followup, expiring, practice(issued).

**HAZARD**: Indicates the hazard type as selected from the WWA Composer hazard menu when created.

**START**: Indicates the hazard start time as defined by the forecaster through the WWA Composer.

**END OF WWAS**: Indicates the product expiration time as defined by the forecaster through the WWA Composer.

**PRODUCT EXP**: Indicates the product purge time from the WWA application as defined by the forecaster from the WWA Composer. This may or may not be the same time as the END OF WWAs field described above.

Section 3 identifies the WWA Monitor button bar which breaks down as follows:

**New...**: Open the WWA Composer to begin generation of a new WWA Product.

**Follow up...**: Provides access to followup issued WWA products for: extension in time, extension in area.

Clear...: Provides access to clear zone or county from an issued WWA product.

**Cancel...**: Option to cancel an issued WWA product.

**Transmit...**: Option to publically transmit a single (or collective) segment(s) listed in the WWA monitor.

**<u>Delete...</u>** Option to delete unissued products from the WWA Monitor.

**Exit**: Exit the WWA application.

## 1.1.4. Capture Text and Free Text Editor

Through a modified WWA Composer interface and with the addition of a free text editor (FTE) forecasters can now enter Overview/Synopsis and Descriptive free text directly into the WWA application.

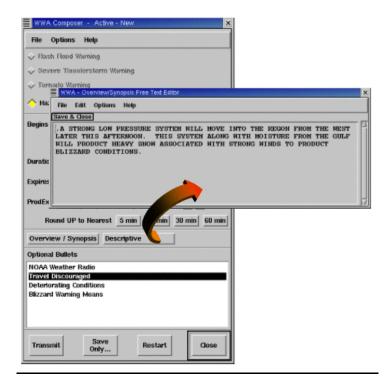


Figure 5 - Free Text Editor (FTE) launched from WWA Composer

Capturing free text will allow such text to be carried through the products life cycle when performing follow-up, clear, and cancel functions.

To accommodate this functionality two buttons were added to the WWA Composer, labeled Overview/Synopsis and Descriptive Text. Selecting either button will launch an editor, done in the same state as adjusting product times or county/zone selections, prior to selecting the transmit button. In most cases free text is entered as just described, however in the event of county/zone overlap WWA formats a "virtual" segment displaying descriptive text from each overlapping hazard in a FTE, after *transmit* is selected. This allows forecasters to edit the descriptive text, automatically generated, and prior to transmitting the product. Text entered through the Overview/Synopsis and Descriptive buttons will store into the WWA database for future use, which differs from text provided in a "virtual" segment editor which does not store

When providing Overview/Synopsis free text for multi-segmented products, like a winter storm warning (WSW) that could contain a winter weather advisory and heavy snow warning, only a single Overview/Synopsis is needed in the final WSW. Because of this, the Overview/Synopsis FTE will remain the same for each segment created while the Composer remains open. In the event of collecting segments stored in the WWA Monitor after the WWA Composer window has closed, the Overview/Synopsis section of the first selected segment prior to transmitting will be captured in the final product.

Finally, the FTE used for capturing free text input does not contain a spell check function as originally designed. This will be addressed in a future software release.

## 1.1.5. Transmit Capability

OB2 WWA no longer utilizes the text workstation text editor to disseminate products. Instead the ability to transmit directly from WWA is provided through the use of the AWIPS handleOUP.pl function. Because generated text is no longer passed to the text workstation for editing it is more important than ever to have WWA correctly configured.

Although XT text editing is no longer supported a large effort was made to ensure forecasters have the ability to edit key fields during operational use. These functions include: Capturing free text, editing headlines, manipulating time sequences, selecting call-to-action statements, and much more.

## **General Information**:

- Formatting the WCN product will not use the transmit function, and therefore the text workstation will continue as the means of disseminating *new* WCN products.
- handleOUP.pl uses the afos2awips.txt (a2a) file to determine product routing information and therefore it is extremely important that the site maintain an accurate and up to date a2a file.
- A *transmit* button replaced the *create text* button in the WWA Monitor which works similar to the transmit option found in the WWA Composer and displays a single or multi-segmented product before dissemination.
- An intentional limitation to this design prohibits multiple transmit windows from being active at one time, included to maintain WWA database integrity. In OB3 this will expand from multiple transmit windows, to multiple transmit windows for like products.



**Figure 6** - WWA Transmit Interface launched from WWA Composer

- Products transmitted through this function are addressed to "ALL", with the exception of operating in practice mode which stores locally.
- The text widget found in the transmit interface shown in figure 6 is not editable as part of NWS quality control efforts. However, access to key fields is provided by different locations in the WWA application. IE...free text is entered in the free text editor or headline editing can be done in the provided headline editor prior to launching the transmit interface.

#### 1.1.6. Headline Editor

New NWS policy constitutes a standardized headline on long fuse watch, warning, advisory products, active around the deployment of AWIPS OB2. However, it was necessary to incorporate a headline editor for

File Options Help

Flash Flood Warring

Severe Throuterstorm Warring

Tipp Was Headins Editor

Haz:

Round UP to Nearest 6 hr

Duration 12: 00 3 hr 6 hr 12 hr 24 hr

Expires 101: 50 AM EDT You Jun 23

ProdExp 107: 50 PM EDT Sun Jun 22

Round UP to Nearest 5 min 15 min 30 min 50 min

Overview / Synopsis Descriptive

Optional Bullets

ROAA Weather Radio

ITavel Discouraged

Deteriorating Conditions

Bitzzard Warning Means

Transmit Save Only... Restart Close

Figure 7 - Headline Editor launched from WWA Composer

WWA generated products to account for special cases not defined under the new national policy. One example is snow amounts in mountainous regions:

...Winter Storm Warning above 5000 feet...

Providing height information in the above example is not accounted for in the national policy. Finally, because of this policy the headline editor is inactive by default. To use the headline editor forecasters must select *options*, then check the *headline editor* check button from the WWA Composer menu bar. This tells the WWA software to display the headline editor for the associated hazard once the *transmit* button is selected. To further aid in generating the needed product headline, the editor will display the standardized headline to edit. For segmented based products this data is retrieved from the headline section of the associated template file.

## 1.2. WWA Administrative (Admin) Application

First delivered in AWIPS build OB2 the WWA Administration (Admin) application provides administrators a single tool from which to configure WWA. It is no longer necessary to command line edit files and database fields which simplifies the local configuration process.

This application supports functionality found in the wwa\_setup program with an addition to configuration: the WCN process, GUI settings, NWR settings, segmentation ordering, template file editing, VTEC settings, and much more.

Finally, the wwa\_setup program will be discontinued in AWIPS build OB3 and for this reason sites are encouraged to utilize the WWA Admin application after the OB2 install. More information on the WWA Admin application can be obtained in the WWA Admin Users Manual by referencing in section 4.3 of this document.



**Figure 8** - WWA Administration (Admin) Interface [not an actual screen shot]

## 1.3. NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) CRS product formatting

The WWA application does support automated CRS product formatting for NWR broadcasts. There are two ways WWA products are formatted for weather radio: 1) for broadcast over locally controlled NWR towers within the site's CWA and 2) for broadcast over NWR towers controlled by another WFO for broadcast over the issuance sites CWA. Also, WarnGen NWR formatting is leveraged from the WWA application through the use of the AUX\_INFO filed definition in WarnGen template files. This section provides an overview of the described NWR capability and configuration steps are located section 2.4 of this document.

## 1.3.1 Defining the CRS message type

WWA NWR formatted products are delivered directly, or indirectly through the NWR Browser, to CRS. In either case WWA uses a specific message type schema to deliver these broadcast ready files as described below:

#### **Long Fused Messages**:

Long fused WWA CRS messages take the form of CCCcatNW\*, where CCC is the site id of the issuance site, cat is the hazard category name, and \* is the NWR transmitter number. The transmitter number is determined by the order this was defined in the WWA Admin application (nwr\_twrs order number in the geography groups informix database table).

These message types must be defined in CRS message suites specific to each NWR transmitter broadcast program for which they are valid.

CCCcatNW\* = long fuse message \* = the NWR transmitter number

#### Example 1:

AFOS Site ID of issuing office = GRR AFOS Node ID of GRR = ARB site adjacent to GRR = DTX

ARBWSWGRR - actual winter storm warning disseminated GRRWSWNW1 - actual NWR message created by GRR GRRWSWNW1 - NWR message received at the adjacent site DTX

Had DTX created the winter storm watch, the message type received from DTX would appear in GRR's CRS formatted product header as:

DTXWSWNW1 - NWR message received from adjacent site DTX

and in the NWR browser the message type will be displayed as:

DTXWSWNW1\_(MRD#) - NWR message received **from** adjacent site DTX

Example 2 (Long fused Winter Storm Warning CRS product name):

PBZWSWNW3 (WSW issued by PBZ for PBZ CRS tower #3)

ILNWSWNW3 (WSW issued by ILN for PBZ CRS tower #3)

RLXWSWNW3 (WSW issued by RLX for PBZ CRS tower #3)

Note: PBZ's tower number 3 broadcasts warnings issued by WFO's PBZ, ILN and RLX.

<u>Note</u>: towers numbers are defined in WWA locally by the WFO in control of the tower, not by the issuing office.

## **Short Fused Messages:**

Short fused WWA CRS messages (Severe Thunderstorm, Tornado and Flash Flood Warnings) will have the form CCCcatXXX, where *CCC* is the site id of the issuance site, *cat* is the category name, and *XXX* is the local site id of who controls the NWR transmitter. These messages are not transmitter specific and rely on the CRS to play them according to the LAC (Local Area Codes), UGCs embedded in the CRS header. These message types must be defined in CRS message suites specific for each NWR transmitter broadcast program for which they are valid.

CCCcatXXX = short fused message XXX = local site

#### Example 1:

AFOS Site ID of issuing office = GRR AFOS node ID of GRR = ARB site adjacent to GRR = DTX

ARBTORGRR - actual tornado warning disseminated GRRTORGRR - actual NWR message created by GRR GRRTORDTX - NWR message created by GRR, received at DTX

Had DTX created the tornado warning, the message received from DTX would appear in GRR's CRS formatted product header as:

DTXTORGRR - NWR message received from DTX

and in the <u>NWR browser</u> the message type will be displayed as:

DTXTORGRR (MRD#) - NWR message received from DTX

Example 2 (Short fused Severe thunderstorm warning CRS product name):

PBZSVRPBZ (SVR issued by PBZ for PBZ CRS towers)
ILNSVRPBZ (SVR issued by ILN for PBZ CRS towers)
RLXSVRPBZ (SVR issued by RLX for PBZ CRS towers)

Note: PBZ's tower number 3 broadcasts warnings issued by WFO's PBZ, ILN and RLX.

## **Summary Messages**:

Summary message types have the form CCCSUMNW\*, where CCC is the AFOS Node ID of the local wfo, SUM is the pil category for a summary product, and \* is the NWR transmitter number.

CCCSUMNW\* = summary product \* = the NWR transmitter

The simple solution for this is to add a message type that contains the CCC of all your adjacent sites that broadcast on your local towers. So for example if site GRR broadcasts products for adjacent site DTX the following message type would need to be added to the CRS database (assuming tower 1 is the correct tower reaching into DTX's area of responsibility):

DTXSUMNW1 - Summary product sent by DTX GRRSUMNW1 - Summary product for local site, GRR for this example

## 1.3.2. Summary Products

The concept of the WWA NWR summary product is that a warning will broadcast once and the shorter summary product is generated to play on successive broadcasts instead of the warning. If an additional warning is generated, a new summary product is generated to include both warnings. Because the summary product is in a higher suite, the new warning will not play in its suite. However as long as the warning product is sent as an interrupt message, it will always play once as an interrupt, regardless of whether it will play in the suite. So if you want to use the summary product feature, you must set up those warnings that are summarized as interrupt messages. The summary product should not be set up as an interrupt. The following procedural example may be instructive. Please note that warnings are used in the following example. The summary product concept can apply equally well to other products such as WSW and NPW in which case it may not be appropriate to have the interrupt set for these product types. This means that new products will not play before they are summarized

- 1. A site issues a tornado warning for transmitter 1.
- 2. The tornado warning message is generated and sent to CRS.
- 3. The summary message is generated and sent to CRS.
- 4. CRS broadcasts the tornado warning message once as an interrupt message. While it is being broadcast, CRS is doing its scheduling the tornado warning triggers the warning suite, but before the tornado warning can broadcast a second time, the summary product triggers the summary suite. Because the summary suite is the higher priority suite, it becomes the active schedule.
- 5. CRS continues broadcasting the summary message.
- 6. The site issues a severe thunderstorm warning for transmitter 1.
- 7. The severe thunderstorm warning message is generated and sent to CRS.
- 8. The summary message is generated which includes the information for both the tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings.
- 9. CRS broadcasts the severe thunderstorm warning message once as an interrupt message. While it is being broadcast, CRS is doing its scheduling the severe thunderstorm warning is added to the warning suite schedule, and the new summary message replaces the old summary message in the summary suite schedule, which remains the active schedule.
- 10. CRS continues to broadcast the new summary message until it expires. The expiration time of the summary message is the earliest expiration time of the summarized products.
- 11. The active schedule drops down to the next priority suite, which is the warning suite. If any of the two warnings are still in effect, they will broadcast. When they expire, the active schedule will drop down again.

## 1.4. Template Files

WarnGen, WWA, and the WWA NWR functionality use template files output by localization into \$FXA\_LOCALIZATION\_ROOT/\$FXA\_LOCAL\_SITE to format products. Typically WWA template start with "WWA", wwa\_nwr templates start with "nwr", and WarnGen templates start with "wwa". Changes can be made to the text templates, but always change the pre template files (\*.preWWA) and move the files from /awips/fxa/data/localization/nationalData to /data/fxa/customFiles (this will prevent local changes from being overwritten during installs and allow the changes to be seen from all workstations). If changes are made to existing template files a WWA localization must be run on each workstation and for NWR template file changes a WWA localization on the ds machine is the needed, as described in section 2.6.

There are text template files for each segmented and non-segmented product. Each template file contains life cycle bullets and calls to action (CTA) necessary for the specific hazard. Special substitutions are also made with statements formatted within the template with less than/greater than brackets. The most common type is an area substitution such as <AREA| file=wwa\_zones| format=ugc>, which in this case, would print out the zones of the current hazard in an UGC format. C-type include statements can also be used within text template files. The line #include "sls\_county\_list.template" will include the text found in the sls\_county\_list.template file. Substitutions can also be handled within included text.

#### **Bullets**:

All template files includes a series of life cycle bullets. These bullets are called "hazard headline", "hazard clear", "hazard cancel", "hazard expansion", and "hazard extension". When the text is created for a particular product, its life cycle determines which bullet is used as text output. For example, if we follow-up a product and extend its expiration time, then WWA will grab the text in the "hazard extension" bullet. Also you will find, as stated above, bullets can have special substitutions. The extension bullet might have the following line: Watch extended until <EXPIRE local>. When formatted by WWA, the output text will read "Watch extended until 900 PM EDT". The EXPIRE statement was substituted by the actual new expiration time of the product.

## **Segmented Template File Example:**

```
//"Winter Storm Warning"
#include "${CURRENT_CWA}-offtIncl.txt"
^{nws header
ZCZC $$cccValue!WSW$$xxxValue! DEF&
TTAA00 KIND <NOW | ddhhmm | gmt>&&
URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE&
#include "${CURRENT_CWA}-headerIncl.txt"
<NOW | header | local >&&
...optional headline...&&
.optional overview...&
^{hazard headline
 ..WINTER STORM WARNING <PHRASE | 6hour> ...
!{hazard continue |
...WINTER STORM WARNING <PHRASE | 6hour> ...
...WINTER STORM WARNING IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT...
!{hazard clear |
!{hazard cancel |
...WINTER STORM WARNING IS CANCELLED...
!{hazard expansion
...WINTER STORM WARNING HAS BEEN EXPANDED...
!{hazard extension
...WINTER STORM WARNING HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL <EXPIRE | plain>...
{NOAA Weather Radio |
Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio and other local media for further details or updates.&
{Travel Discouraged |
Any travel is strongly discouraged. If you leave the safety of being indoors...you are
putting your life at risk.&
{Deteriorating Conditions |
Conditions can deteriorate rapidly in winter weather situations...slow down and allow extra
time when travelling. Practice your winter safety rules...keep an extra
flashlight...food...and water in your car in case of emergency.&
{b/4 event...Winter Storm Warning Means |
A Winter Storm Warning means severe winter weather conditions are imminent or highly likely.&
```

## **Non-segmented Template File Example:**

```
//"SLS Severe Thunderstorm Watch"
^{issuance header
#include "${CURRENT_CWA}-offtIncl.txt"
ZCZC CCCNNNXXX DEF&
TTAA00 KEAX <NOW | ddhhmm | gmt>&&
BULLETIN - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED&
AREAL OUTLINE FOR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH NUMBER $$watchNumber!&
#include "${CURRENT_CWA}-headerIncl.txt"
<NOW | header | local >&
< PURGE |ddhhmm |gmt |last_table |trail=-& |var=expireTime >
!{followup/clear/cancel header |
#include "${CURRENT_CWA}-offtIncl.txt"
ZCZC $$cccValue!SPS$$xxxValue! DEF&
TTAA00 KEAX <NOW | ddhhmm | gmt>&
<AREA |file=wwa_zones | output_field=2 | format=ugc >
< PURGE |ddhhmm |gmt |interval=15>-&&
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT&
#include "${CURRENT_CWA}-headerIncl.txt"
<NOW | header | local >&
< PURGE |ddhhmm |gmt |last_table |trail=-& |var=expireTime >
}!
^{hazard headline
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH NUMBER $$watchNumber! IN EFFECT UNTIL <EXPIRE>.&&
#include "sls_county_list.template"
!{hazard continue
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH #$$watchNumber! REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR...
<AREA |file=wwa_zones |output_field=1 |format=list</pre>
      trail=~[2,counties_type]...&>
}!
!{hazard clear |
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH #$$watchNumber! HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE FOLLOWING AREAS...
<AREA |file=wwa_zones |output_field=1 |format=list |trail=...&>
!{hazard cancel
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH #$$watchNumber! THAT WAS IN EFFECT FOR...
<AREA |file=wwa_zones |output_field=1 |format=list</pre>
      trail=~[2,counties_type]...> HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
}!
!{hazard expansion |
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH #$$watchNumber! HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AREAS...
<AREA |file=wwa_zones |output_field=1 |format=list |trail=...&>
!{hazard extension |
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH #$$watchNumber! VALID FOR THE AREAS OF...
<AREA | file=wwa_zones | output_field=1 | format=list | trail=...> HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL <EXPIRE</pre>
 plain>
```

## 1.4.1. Time Phrase Functionality

The WWA/WarnGen headline time phrase function was updated based on a new NWS requirement that defines a standardized headline. To accommodate this, a template change is necessary for WWA/WarnGen template files, further explained below. Although complete standardization of NWS product headlines is being pursued, policy does not yet cover all cases. Because of this it was necessary to develop a WWA headline editor as shown in the graphic below. This editor is checkbox activated from the WWA Composer, found under *Options* on the menu bar. Activating this function will launch a headline editor, after the *Transmit* button is selected, populated with predefined headlines from associated template files. Because template file headlines are still utilized it is still important to define headlines accurately to minimize editing during operations. Finally, the headline editor checkbox is inactive by default to support NWS policy that mandates a standardized headline.

## **Template Change:**

The listed WWA\*.preWWA template files contain the time/date qualifier changes (6hour / 12hour / 24hour) for templates located in the nationalData directory. This must be merged into local templates found in customFiles directory.

The above AREA substitution was also adjusted so NWS header bullets use the correct time zones associated with the areal extent of the product.

## **WWA Template Files:**

<u> </u>
WWA_blizzard_wrn.preWWA
WWA_blosnow_adv.preWWA
WWA_exheat_wrn.preWWA
WWA_frost_adv.preWWA
WWA_frostfrz_wat.preWWA
WWA_frzrain_adv.preWWA
WWA_hiwind_wat.preWWA
WWA_icestrm_adv.preWWA
WWA_lake_ef_wat.preWWA
WWA_redflag_wrn.preWWA
WWA_smoke_adv.preWWA
WWA_volash_adv.preWWA
WWA_wintstrm_wat.preWWA
WWA_wndchil_adv.preWWA

WWA blodust adv.preWWA	
WWA excheat wrn.preWWA	
WWA fog adv.preWWA	
WWA frost wrn.preWWA	
WWA frzdrzl adv.preWWA	
WWA frzrain wrn.preWWA	
WWA hiwind wrn.preWWA	
WWA icestrm wrn.preWWA	
WWA lake wind adv.preWW	A
WWA slt adv.preWWA	
WWA snow adv.preWWA	
WWA volash wrn.preWWA	
WWA wintstrm wrn.preWWA	L
WWA wndchil wat.preWWA	
_ <b>_</b> .	

WWA_blodust_wrn.preWWA
WWA_exheat_wat.preWWA
WWA_freez_adv.preWWA
WWA_frostfrz_outlk.preWWA
WWA_frzfog_adv.preWWA
WWA_heat_adv.preWWA
WWA_hvysnow_wrn.preWWA
WWA_lake_eff_adv.preWWA
WWA_redflag_wat.preWWA
WWA_slt_wrn.pre.WWA
WWA_snow_blosn.preWWA
WWA_wind_adv.preWWA
WWA_winwea_adv.preWWA
WWA wndchil wrn.preWWA

## **WWA NWR Template Files:**

nwr\_aircraft.preWWA
nwr\_blizzard\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_blosnow\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_ffld\_wat.preWWA
nwr\_flood\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_frost\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_frzrain\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_hiwind\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_icestrm\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_short.preWWA
nwr\_smoke\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_svrt\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_volash\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_wintstrm\_wat.preWWA
nwr\_wintstrm\_wat.preWWA

nwr\_alert1.preWWA
nwr\_blodust\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_excheat\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_ffd\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_fog\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_frzdrzl\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_hazard\_outlk\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_hvysnow\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_pub\_info.preWWA
nwr\_slt\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_nsow\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_tor\_wat.preWWA
nwr\_tor\_wat.preWWA
nwr\_volash\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_wintstrm\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_wintstrm\_wrn.preWWA

nwr\_alert2.preWWA
nwr\_blodust\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_exheat\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_flood\_wat.preWWA
nwr\_freeze\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_frzrain\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_hiwind\_wat.preWWA
nwr\_icestrm\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_rec\_evt.preWWA
nwr\_rec\_evt.preWWA
nwr\_slt\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_svrt\_wat.preWWA
nwr\_brewwA
nwr\_tor\_wrn.preWWA
nwr\_wind\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_wind\_adv.preWWA
nwr\_winwea\_adv.preWWA

Although national WarnGen template files do not use this PHRASE/AREA substitution, locally defined templates will need to accommodate this change if utilized. For more information standard time phrases in product headlines reference the Headline Time Phrase requirement document linked in section 4.3. of this document.

## 1.5. WWA Operational Modes

This version of the WWA software supports four separate modes: 1) Active Mode, 2) Test Mode, 3) Practice Mode, and 4) Proposed Mode.

#### **Active Mode:**

Active mode is the operational mode used to actually issue WWA generated watches, warnings, and advisories.

#### **Test Mode:**

Test mode was designed to act as close to active, or operational, mode as possible with the exception of the word "TEST" strategically placed in the final product - See figure 9. In other words, products generated in test mode will disseminate publically, will format NWR products if set as active, and will utilize intersite coordination.

#### **Practice Mode:**

Practice mode works much differently than either

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NORTHERN INDIANA 1000 AM EST TUE MAR 26 2002

.TEST TEST, THIS IS ONLY A TEST. THIS IS NOT AN ACTIVE SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT. LOW PRESSURE OVER SOUTH CENTRAL INDIANA WILL TRACK NORTHEAST INTO NORTH CENTRAL OHIO LATE THIS AFTERNOON. THIS TRACK WILL BRING A MIX OF WINTER WEATHER TO NORTHWEST OHIO AND NORTHERN INDIANA.

A MIX OF SNOW/SLEET/FREEZING RAIN WILL CONTINUE TO CAUSE SLICK ROADWAYS AND SIDEWALKS. TAKE EXTRA CAUTION WHILE TRAVELING AND ALLOW MORE TIME TO REACH YOUR DESTINATION.

STAY TUNED TO NOAA WEATHER RADIO AND OTHER LOCAL MEDIA FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR UPDATES.

INZ008-009-013-015-018-020-022-025-OHZ001-002-004-005-015-016-262100ALLEN IN-CASS IN-DE KALB IN-DEFIANCE OH-FULTON OH-FULTON IN-HENRY OHHUNTINGTON IN-KOSCIUSKO IN-MIAMI IN-NOBLE IN-PAULDING OH-PULASKI INPUTNAM OH-WABASH IN-WHITE IN-WHITLEY IN-WILLIAMS OHINCLUDING THE CITIES OF ...ARCHBOLD...AUBURN...BRYAN...BUTLER...
COLUMBIA CITY...DEFIANCE...FORT WAYNE...GARRETT...GRISSOM AFB...
HICKSVILLE...HUNTINGTON...KENDA LLVILLE...LIGONIER...LOGANSPORT...
MONTICELLO...MONTPELIER...NAPOLEON...NEW HAVEN...NORTH MANCHESTER...
OTTA WA...PERU...ROCHESTER...SWANTON...SYRACUSE...TRI-LAKES...
WABASH...WARSAW...WAUSEON...WINAMAC AND WINONA LAKE
1018 AM EST TUE MAR 26 2002

...TEST WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IN EFFECT FROM 10 AM THIS MORNING TO 11 AM EST WEDNESDAY TEST...

TEST TEST, THIS IS ONLY A TEST. THIS IS NOT AN ACTIVE SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT.

SNOW WILL CONTINUE INTO THE AFTERNOON HOURS...THEN BEGIN TO DIMINISH IN INTENSITY. THE SNOW MAY BE MIXED AT TIMES WITH SLEET. THE HEAVIEST SNOW WILL FALL ALONG A LOGANSPORT TO COLUMBIA CITY TO AUBURN LINE WHERE 5 INCHES OF SNOW IS EXPECTED. ELSEWHERE...3 TO 5 INCHES OF SNOW IS FORECAST.

Figure 9 - Test & Practice product example

test or active. In short, generating and transmitting practice products will store locally at WWAWRKWWA and not disseminate publically, will override NWR formatting and send CRS formatted products to the NWR browser, and will not utilize intersite coordination. However, the ability to follow-up, clear, and cancel is preserved, and similar to test mode, text will have "TEST" strategical placed in the final product. The idea behind practice mode is to provide a working WWA that will not disseminate internally or externally (public, adjacent sites, NWR).

## **Proposed Mode:**

This setting is used for internal coordination only. Products generated while in proposed mode will not disseminate publically but transmitted through the WWA intersite coordination function for coordination with adjacent WFOs. When used generated products will display on the issuance sites GeoViewer as well as on the GeoViewers of the defined adjacent sites.

## 1.6. Upgrade/Downgrade Functionality

The ability to upgrade/downgrade/replace watches and warnings has been implemented in OB2, with limitations. So as not to increase WWA "buttonology", logic for this function was built into the WWA software to automatically recognize an upgrade/downgrade/replacement for WSWs, NPWs, & RFWs, and any forecaster interaction is done through user prompts. Forecasters validate the prompted upgrade/downgrade/replace request which will generate the appropriate text and associated VTEC string. Finally, this function can be turned on or off from the WWA Administration interface with a default setting as active.

There are a couple limitations to this function. First, it is not possible within one formatted product to upgrade the same WWA (e.g. Winter Storm Watch) to more than one advisory or warning (e.g. Blizzard Warning and Sleet Warning).

## **For Example:**

- A forecaster issues a Winter Storm Watch for the entire area (zones A,B,C).
- At some point later they decide that zone A should be a Blizzard Warning and that zone B should be a Winter Storm Advisory.
- With the updated version of WWA this will not work. Each segment will have to be disseminated separately.

Second, outside the initial generation of the watch, access to the watch text is not provided. In other words, when a watch is issued free text can be entered, however after forecaster validation of an upgrade/downgrade, the watch text is carried through to the final product with no editor provided.

Functional limitation are recognized and will be addressed in future builds. If in the meantime these restrictions are more burden than benefit sites are encouraged to deactivate this function.

#### 1.7. WWA VTEC

The VTEC code provides forecast information in a computer friendly format to simplify the decoding processes. For a VTEC string to show in a particular product the master switch must be active in conjunction with a valid phenomenon and significance codes defined for that product. The phenomenon and significance codes are defined for each hazard and the VTEC master switch is activated by a checkbox all managed within the WWA Administrative application. This section provides a basic overview of the VTEC string as it relates to WWA. Detailed information can be obtained from the directives document 10-1703.

## 1.7.1 Primary (P)-VTEC

The VTEC line is completely automated and forecasters should always resist making changes. If a site notices an incorrect VTEC string this should be passed along to the regional WWA representative. Below is a simplified breakdown of a P-VTEC line for further clarity.

#### /NEW.KOKX.FF.W.0101.000814T1655Z-000814T1800Z/

**NEW** - life cycle of product

**KOKX** - station

**FF** - phenomenon/event (pp)

**W** - VTEC significance (s)

**0101** - Event Tracking Number (ENT)

**000814T1655Z** - issue day and time

000814T1800Z - expiration time

## 1.7.2. Hydrologic (H)-VTEC

The Hydrologic (H)-VTEC format developed into WWA OB2 is specific to the special "Areal" type formatting. This additional (H)-VTEC line will display directly below the (P)-VTEC line and will look similar to the FFW example in figure 10..

## **Immediate Cause Values**

ER Excessive Rainfall

SM Snow melt

RS Rain and Snow Melt

DM Dam or Levee Failure

GO Glacier-Dammed Lake Outburst

IJ Ice Jam

IC Rain and/or Snow melt and/or Ice Jam

UU Unknown

As shown the "Areal" type of the (H)-VTEC line mainly represents place holders for each field, with the exception of the Immediate Cause.

WWA supports the "dynamic immediate cause" by providing a selectable list of values (above) to the forecaster after *transmit* is selected for hydro based products. In this listbox forecaster will double click the correct value and proceed to product dissemination.

WGUS51 KOKX 141656 FFWOKX NYC103-141800-/NEW.KOKX.FF.W.0101.000814T1655Z-000814T1800Z/ /0.ER.000000T0000Z.000000T0000Z.000000T0000Z.0/

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED FLASH FLOOD WARNING NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW YORK NY 1255 PM EDT MON AUG 14 2000

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN UPTON NY HAS ISSUED A

- \* FLASH FLOOD WARNING FOR SOUTHWEST SUFFOLK COUNTY IN SOUTHEASTERN NEW YORK STATE
- \* UNTIL 200 PM EDT
- \* AT 1254 PM NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED THUNDERSTORMS MOVING NORTHWEST TOWARD THE WARNED AREA. RAINFALL RATES FROM 2 TO 3 INCHES PER HOUR WILL CAUSE FLASH FLOODING OF LOW LYING AND POOR DRAINAGE AREAS.

REPORT SEVERE WEATHER TO THE NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. \$\$

Figure 10 - VTEC product example

## 1.8. Watch by County (WBC) / Watch County Notification (WCN)

The local WCN process is dependent on how the WWA application is configured at each WFO. Generally speaking the steps in figure 11 describe this process. For more specific information about what WWA keys on when ingesting SPC WCL & WOU products reference appendix A and B.

- 1. SPC issues a Watch County List (WCL) highlighting those counties intended for a watch.
- 2. WWA ingest routines recognize the WCL, identifies intended sites, searches county UGC list, and presents the WCL as a proposed product in the WWA monitor for WFO's with watched counties listed.
- 3. WFO/SPC coordination call.
- 4. SPC issues initial Watch County Outline WOU reflecting county addition/subtractions as discussed during the WFO/SPC conference call.
- 5. \*WWA ingest routines recognize SPC's initial WOU, automatically generates the WFO WCN product, and displays the WCN on the defined text workstation for forecaster dissemination.
- 6. SPC disseminates hourly WOU updates based from the WFO WCN products. (Not processed by the WWA application)

\*Step 5 automation dependent on local WFO WCN settings. Listed step is the default setting.

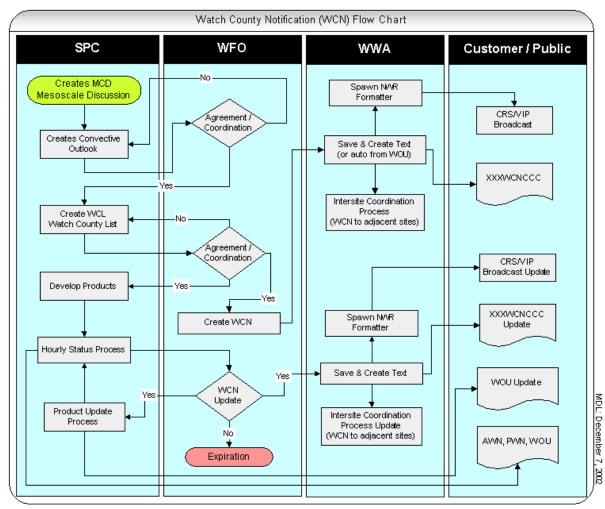


Figure 12 - Watch By County (WBC) flow chart.

## 1.8.1. Local WCN Testing

Although SPC issues WCL and WOU products to automatically generate WCN products through WWA it possible to test this automation locally at the WFO. The instructions provided below describe steps to simulate the arrival of an SPC WCL and WOU product, not based from an existing WCL/WOU in the local Informix database. Once the WCL or WOU products are stored into the local WFO AWIPS database reference section 3.2 of this document for instruction on generating the WCN. Another way to simulate SPC issued WCL/WOU products is to edit, and update fields highlighted in appendix A or B, and save **LOCALLY (000)**, from the AWIPS text workstation text editor.

Finally, it is assumed before any simulation is conducted the local WWA application is configured correctly - see section 2. Be extra cautious when performing steps to store a WCL, WOU, or WCN product into the local WFO Informix database. If during this test the router information is not locally set, "000" or "CCC", you will disseminate publically.

## 1.8.2. Simulating the SPCs WCL locally at the WFO

- 1. Launch the WWA application on lx1 or lx2.- Use provided desktop menu option
- Open xterm window on the same Linux box (lx1 or lx2)if done as awipsusr go to step 4.
- 3. Login as user awipsusr:

su -l awipsusr
<enter awipsusr password when prompted>

- 4. Change into /awips directory: cd /awips
- 5. Edit a local "WCL" file(pico editor reference section 4.3): pico WCL# ← Enter # A-J
- 6. In the pico editor window type in the following, adjusting for the local site (ie...county names/UGC). The idea is to create a product similar to what is shown in appendix A:
  - Line 1 type: NWUS64 KWNS 101250 
    Line 2 type: WCLA LOC 
    Where WCL is A-J
    Line 3 : ---- Blank Line ---Line 4 type: .TORNADO WATCH A 
    Line 5 type: COORDINATION COUNTY LIST FROM THE NWS STORM
  - PREDICTION

    Line 6 type: CENTER EFFECTIVE UNTIL 2300 UTC 

    \*\* Enter valid time
  - Line 7 type: ---- Blank Line ----
  - Line 8 type: MIC005-015-045-065-102300- ← Enter a site valid UGC & time
  - Line 9 type: ---- Blank Line ----
  - Line 8 type: MI 

    ← Enter valid 2 character state ID
  - Line 9 type: . MICHIGAN COUNTIES INCLUDED ARE <- Enter valid state name
  - Line 10 : ---- Blank Line -----
  - Line 11 type: ALLEGAN BARRYEATON ← Enter equivalent counties
  - Line 12 type: INGHAM
  - Line 13 type: \$\$
  - Line 14 : ---- Blank Line ----
  - Line 15 type: ATTN...WFO...GRR... ← Enter site ID
- 7. Save changes using these commands:

Ctrl-0

File Name to write: WCL# <Select Enter> ← # given in step 5

defined In UGC line, line #8.

8. Exit pico editor using the accelerator function:

Ctrl-X

- 10. Exit xterm window:

exit

- 11. Check WWA Monitor for ingested WCL
  - If not in the monitor, verify settings provided in step 6 and also reference appendix A to ensure trigger/key locations are correct.

## 1.8.3. Simulating the SPCs WOU locally at the WFO

```
    Launch the WWA application on lx1 or lx2
    Use provided desktop menu option
```

- 2. Open Xterm window on lx1 or lx2if done as awipsusr go to step 3.
- 4. Change into /awips directory: cd /awips
- 5. Edit a local "WOU" file(pico editor reference section 6):

  pico WOU# 

  Enter # 0-9
- 6. In the pico editor window type in the following, adjusting for the local site (ie...county names/UGC). The idea is to create a product similar to what is shown in Appendix B:

```
Line 2 type: WOU1 LOC
Line 3 type: ---- Blank Line ----
Line 4 type: TORNADO WATCH OUTLINE UPDATE FOR WT 1002
Line 5 type: STORM PREDICTION CENTER NORMAN OK
Line 6 type: 0130 AM EDT TUE JUL 10 2003 ← Enter current
        : ---- Blank Line ----
Line
Line 8 type: TORNADO WATCH 1002 REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL
Line 9 type: 7:00 PM EDT FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: ← Enter time & zone
         : ---- Blank Line ----
Line 10
Line 11 type: MIC005-015-045-065-102300- ← Enter a site valid UGC & time
Line 12
        : ---- Blank Line ----

← Enter valid 2 character state ID

Line 13 type: MI
Line 14 type: . MICHIGAN COUNTIES INCLUDED ARE <- Enter valid state name
        : ---- Blank Line -----
Line 16 type: ALLEGAN
                       BARRY EATON 		← Enter Counties defined in
Line 17 type: INGHAM
                                           UGC line #11.
Line 18 type: $$
        : ---- Blank Line ----
Line 19
Line 20 type: ATTN...WFO...GRR... 		← Enter site ID
```

7. Save changes using these commands:

Ctrl-O
File Name to write: WOU# <Select Enter> ← # given in step 5

- 10. Exit xterm window: exit

- 11. Based on the default settings the WCN will be generated, then displayed on the defined text workstation.
  - If not displayed, verify correct settings provided in step 6 and also reference appendix B to insure trigger/key locations are defined accurately.

## 1.9. Site Backup

Site backup was updated in AWIPS build OB2 to use independent WWA localizations for each backup site. In other words switching into site backup from the Composer will no longer be used and the entire WWA application will be launched as the site being backed up. For configuration steps reference section 2.7. of this document and for instruction on how to operate WWA in backup mode reference section 3.3.

## 1.10. WWA Hazard Menu / Characteristics Table Summary

This section provides a list WWA supported product and hazards types which is also reflected in the WWA composer's hazard menu or more specifically particular fields located in the characteristics table of the WWA database. Products listed in the hazard menu are nationally supported to promote WWA database integrity. Local changes to these products are managed through the WWA Administrative application with the exception of altering the *hazard type*, *generic name*, and *specific product name* fields or adding/removing entire products from the database. To incorporate new products nationally contact your regional WWA representative or to have local products added a request can be made through the NCF trouble ticket process

## 1.10.1. Hydrology

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WATCHES					
	Hydrology				
		Flash Flood Watch	FFA	WWA	WWA_ffld_wat.wwaProd nwr_ffld_wat.wwaProd
		Flood Watch	FFA, FLS	WWA RiverPro	nwr_flood_wat.wwaProd WWA_flood_wat.wwaProd
WARNINGS					
	Hydrology				
		Flash Flood Warning	FFW, FFS	WWA WarnGen	WWA_ffld_wrn.wwaProd nwr_ffld_wrn.wwaProd
		Flood Warning	FLW, FLS	WarnGen WWA Riverpro	WWA_flood_warn.wwaProd nwr_flood_warn.wwaProd
		Urban/Small Stream Flood Warning	FLW	WWA	WWA_urban_wrn.wwaProd nwr_urban_wrn.wwaProd

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
STATEMENTS					
	Hydrology				
		Daily Forecast	RVS	WWA RiverPro	WWA_dlyfrest.wwaProd nwr_dlyfrest.wwaProd
		Daily River and Lake Summary	RVD	RiverPro	WWA_rvrlk_sum.wwaProd nwr_rvrlk_sum.wwaProd
		Drought/Water Resource Statement	ESF	WWA	WWA_drought_stmt.wwaProd nwr_drought_stmt.wwaProd
		Flash Flood Statement	FFS, FLS	WWA	WWA_ffs.wwaProd nwr_ffs.wwaProd
		Flood Advisory	FLS	WWA	WWA_flood_adv.wwaProd nwr_flood_adv.wwaProd
		Flood Potential Outlook	ESF	WWA	WWA_hydro_outlk.wwaProd nwr_hydro_outlk.wwaProd
		Flood Statement	FLS	WWA	WWA_flood_stmt.wwaProd nwr_flood_stmt.wwaProd
		Hydrologic Summary	RVA, RVS	RiverPro	WWA_hydro_sum.wwaProd nwr_hydro_sum.wwaProd
		Minor Flooding Advisory	FLS	WarnGen WWA RiverPro	WWA_minor_fld.wwaProd nwr_minor_fld.wwaProd
		River Ice Statement	RVS	WWA RiverPro	WWA_rvrice_stmt.wwaProd nwr_rvrice_stmt.wwaProd
		River Recreational Statement	RVS	WWA RiverPro	WWA_rvrec_stmt.wwaProd nwr_rvrec_stmt.wwaProd
		River Summary	RVS	WWA RiverPro	WWA_river_sum.wwaProd nwr_river_sum.wwaProd
		Special River Statement	RVS	WWA RiverPro	WWA_spcrvr_stmt.wwaProd nwr_spcrvr_stmt.wwaProd
		Urban/Small Stream Advisory	FLS	WarnGen WWA RiverPro	WWA_urban_adv.wwaProd nwr_urban_adv.wwaProd
		Winter/Spring Flood Outlook	ESF	WWA RiverPro	WWA_wintspr_fld.wwaProd nwr_wintspr_fld.wwaProd
		Water Supply Outlook/Summary	ESF	WWA	WWA_water_supply.wwaProd nwr_water_supply.wwaProd

## 1.10.2. Winter Weather

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WATCHES					
	Winter Storm				
		Winter Storm Watch	WSW	WWA	WWA_winterstrm_wat.wwaProd nwr_winterstrm_wat.wwaProd
		Lake Effect Snow Watch	WSW	WWA	WWA_lake_eff_wat.wwaProd nwr_lake_eff_wat.wwaProd
WARNINGS					
	Winter Storm				
		Blizzard Warning	WSW	WWA	WWA_blizard_wrn.wwaProd nwr_blizzard_wrn.wwaProd
		Heavy Snow Warning	WSW	WWA	WWA_hvysnow_wrn.wwaProd nwr_hvysnow_wrn.wwaProd
		Ice Storm Warning	WSW	WWA	WWA_icestrm_wrn.wwaProd nwr_icestrm_wrn.wwaProd
		Lake Effect Snow Warning	WSW	WWA	WWA_lake_eff_wrn.wwaProd nwr_lake_eff_wrn.wwaProd
		Sleet Warning	WSW	WWA	WWA_slt_wrn.wwaProd nwr_slt_wrn.wwaProd
		Winter Storm Warning	WSW	WWA	WWA_wintstrm_wrn.wwaProd nwr_wintstrm_wrn.wwaProd
ADVISORIES					
	Winter Weather				
		Freezing Drizzle Advisory	WSW	WWA	WWA_frzdrzl_adv.wwaProd nwr_frzdzl_adv.wwaProd
		Freezing Rain Advisory	WSW	WWA	WWA_fzrain_adv.wwaProd nwr_fzrain_adv.wwaProd
		Lake Effect Snow Advisory	WSW	WWA	WWA_lake_eff_adv.wwaProd nwr_lake_eff_adv.wwaProd
		Sleet Advisory	WSW	WWA	WWA_slt_adv_wwaProd nwr_slt_adv.wwaProd
		Snow Advisory	WSW	WWA	WWA_snow_adv.wwaProd nwr_snow_adv.wwaProd

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
		Snow and Blowing Snow Advisory	WSW	WWA	WWA_snow_blosn.wwaProd nwr_snow_blosn.wwaProd
		Winter Weather Advisory	WSW	WWA	WWA_winwea_adv.wwaProd nwr_winwea_adv.wwaProd
STATEMENTS					
	Winter Weather				
		Winter Storm Outlook	SPS	WWA	WWA_ww_outlk.wwaProd nwr_ww_outlk.wwaProd
		Winter Storm Summary	PNS	WWA	WWA_wintstrm_sum.wwaProd nwr_wintstrm_sum.wwaProd

## 1.10.3. Non-Precipitation Weather

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WATCHES					
	Non- Precipitation Weather				
		Excessive Heat Watch	NPW	WWA	WWA_extheat_wat.wwaProd nwr_extheat_wat.wwaProd
		Frost/Freeze Watch	NPW	WWA	WWA_frostfrz_wat.wwaProd nwr_frostfrz_wat.wwaProd
		High Wind Watch	NPW	WWA	WWA_hiwind_wat.wwaProd nwr_hiwind_wat.wwaProd
		Wind Chill Watch	NPW	WWA	WWA_wndchil_wat.wwaProd nwr_wndchil_wat.wwaProd
WARNINGS					
	Non- Precipitation Weather				
		Dust Storm Warning	NPW	WWA	WWA_blodust_wrn.wwaProd nwr_blodust_wrn.wwaProd
		Excessive Heat Warning	NPW	WWA	WWA_extheat_wrn.wwaProd nwr_extheat_wrn.wwaProd
		Freeze Warning	NPW	WWA	WWA_freez_wrn.wwaProd nwr_freez_wrn.wwaProd

Hazard	Generic	Specific	Product	WFO	Text / NWR
Туре	Name	Product Name	ID	Арр	Template
		Frost Warning	NPW	WWA	WWA_frost_wrn.wwaProd nwr_frost_wrn.wwaProd
		High Wind Warning	NPW	WWA	WWA_hiwind_wrn.wwaProd nwr_hiwind_wrn.wwaProd
ADVISORIES					
	Non- Precipitation Weather				
		Ash Fall Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_volash_adv.wwaProd nwr_volash_adv.wwaProd
		Blowing Dust Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_blodust_adv.wwaProd nwr_blodust_adv.wwaProd
		Blowing Snow Advisory	WSW	WWA	WWA_blosnow_adv.wwaProd nwr_blosnow_adv.wwaProd
		Dense Fog Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_fog_adv.wwaProd nwr_fog_adv.wwaProd
		Dense Smoke Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_smoke_adv.wwaProd nwr_smoke_adv.wwaProd
		Freezing Fog Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_frzfog_adv.wwaProd nwr_frzfog_adv.wwaProd
		Frost Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_frost_adv.wwaProd nwr_frost_adv.wwaProd
		Heat Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_heat_adv.wwaProd nwr_heat_adv.wwaProd
		Lake Wind Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_lake_wind_adv.wwaProd nwr_lake_wind_adv.wwaProd
		Wind Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_wind_adv.wwaProd nwr_wind_adv.wwaProd
		Wind Chill Advisory	NPW	WWA	WWA_wndChil_adv.wwaProd nwr_wndchil_adv.wwaProd
STATEMENTS					
	Non- Precipitation Weather				
		Excessive Heat Outlook	SPS	WWA	WWA_heat_outlook.wwaProd nwr_heat_outlook.wwaProd
		Frost/Freeze Outlook	SPS	WWA	WWA_frostfrz_outlk.wwaProd nwr_frostfrz_outlk.wwaProd
		Hazardous Weather Outlook	HWO	WWA	WWA_hazard_outlk.wwaProd nwr_hazard_outlk.wwaProd

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
		High Wind Outlook	SPS	WWA	WWA_hiwind_outlk.wwaProd nwr_hiwind_outlk.wwaProd
		No Hazardous Weather Outlook	SPS	WWA	WWA_nonhazard_outlk.wwaProd nwr_nonhazard_outlk.wwaProd
		Special Weather Statement	SPS	WWA	WWA_specialstmt.wwaProd nwr_specialstmt.wwaProd
		Wind Chill Outlook	SPS	WWA	WWA_wndchil_outlk.wwaProd nwr_wndchil_outlk.wwaProd

## 1.10.4. Severe Weather

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WATCHES					
	Severe Weather				
		Severe Thunderstorm Watch	SLS, SVS	WWA	WWA_svrt_wat_sls.wwaProd nwr_svrt_wat_sls.wwaProd
		Tornado Watch	SLS, SVS	WWA	WWA_tor_wat_sls.wwaProd nwr_tor_wat_sls.wwaProd
		Severe Thunderstorm Watch (WCN)	WCN	WWA	WWA_svrt_wat_wcn.wwaProd nwr_svrt_wat_wcn.wwaProd
		Tornado Watch (WCN)	WCN	WWA	WWA_tor_wat_wcn.wwaProd nwr_svrt_wat_wcn.wwaProd
WARNINGS	Severe Weather	Severe Thunderstorm Warning	SVR, SVS	WarnGen	WWA_svrt_wrn.wwaProd nwr_svrt_wrn.wwaProd
		Tornado Warning	TOR, SVS	WarnGen	WWA_tor_wrn.wwaProd nwr_svrt_wrn.wwaProd
STATEMENTS					
	Severe Weather				
		Severe Weather Outlook	SPS	WWA	WWA_severe_outlook.wwaProd nwr_severe_outlook.wwaProd
		Severe Weather Statement	SVS	WWA	WWA_severe_stmt.wwaProd nwr_severe_stmt.wwaProd

## 1.10.5. Marine and Coastal

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WATCHES					
	Marine				
		Coastal Flood Watch	CFW	WarnGen	WWA_coast_fld_wat.wwaProd nwr_coast_fld_wat.wwaProd
		*Coastal Waters Flood Watch	ZFP, SFP, CWF	WWA	N/A nwr_cstwat_fld_wat.wwaProd
		<b>⊀</b> Hurricane Watch	CWF	WWA	N/A nwr_hurricane_wat.wwaProd
		Lakeshore Flood Watch	LSH	WarnGen	N/A nwr_lakesh_fld_wat.wwaProd
		*Lakeshore Waters Flood Watch	ZFP, SFP, NSH	WWA	N/A <missing></missing>
		*Severe Thunderstorm Watch	CWF, GLF, NSH	WWA	N/A nwr_mar_svrt_wat.wwaProd
		<b>≯</b> Tornado Watch	CWF, GLF, NSH	WWA	N/A nwr_mar_tor_wat.wwaProd
		*Tropical Storm Watch	CWF	WWA	N/A nwr_tropstorm_wat.wwaProd
WARNINGS					
	Marine				
		<b>*</b> Coastal Flood Warning	CFW	WarnGen	N/A nwr_coast_fld_wrn.wwaProd.
		*Coastal Waters Flood Warning	ZFP, SFP, CWF	WWA	N/A nwr_cstwat_fld_srn.wwaProd
		<b>∜</b> Gale Warning	CWF, GLF, NSH, OFF	WWA	N/A nwr_gale.wwaProd
		*Heavy Freezing Spray Warning	CWF, GLF, NSH, OFF	WWA	N/A nwr_frzspray_wrn.wwaProd
		<b>≯</b> Hurricane Warning	CWF, OFF	WWA	N/A nwr_hurricane_warn.wwaProd
		*Hurricane Force Wind Warning	CWF, GLF, NSH, OFF	WWA	N/A nwr_hurrfrc_wind_wrn.wwaProd
		Lakeshore Flood Warning	LSH	WarnGen	WWA_lakesh_fld_wrn.wwaProd nwr_lakesh_fld_wrn.wwaProd
		*Lakeshore Waters Flood Warning	ZFP, SFP NSH	WWA	N/A nwr_lakesh_wat_fld_wrn.wwaProd

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
		*Marine Warning	CWF GLF NSH	WWA	N/A nwr_marine_wrn.wwaProd
		<b>≯</b> Special Marine Warning	SMW	WarnGen	N/A nwr_spec_mar_wrn.wwaProd
		<b>≯</b> Storm Warning	CWF, GLF, NSH, OFF	WWA	N/A nwr_storm_wrn.wwaProd
		<b>≭</b> Tropical Storm Warning	N/A	WWA	N/A nwr_tropstrom_wrn.wwaProd
ADVISORIES					
	Marine				
		<b>≯</b> Dense Fog Advisory	CWF, GLF, NSH	WWA	N/A nwr_fog_adv.wwaProd
		★Heavy (High) Surf Advisory	MWS	WarnGen	N/A nwr_hvysurf_adv.wwaProd
		*Heavy (High) Coastal Surf Advisory	ZFP, SFP, CWF	WWA	N/A nwr_hvy_cstsurf_adv.wwaProd
		*Low Water Advisory	MWS, GLF, NSH	WWA	N/A nwr_low_water_adv.wwaProd
		<b>*</b> Small Craft Advisory	CWF, NSH	WWA	N/A nwr_smcraft_adv.wwaProd
STATEMENTS					
	Marine				
		Coastal Flood Statement	CFW	WWA	WWA_coast_fld_stmt.wwaProd nwr_coast_fld.stmt.wwaProd
		Lakeshore Flood Statement	LSH	WWA	WWA_lakesh_fld_stmt.wwaProd nwr_lakesh_fld_stmt.wwaProd
		Marine Weather Statement	MWS	WarnGen	WWA_mws.wwaProd nwr_mws.wwaProd

## 1.10.6. Fire Weather

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WATCHES					
	Fire Weather				
		Fire Weather Watch	RFW	WWA	WWA_redflag_wat.wwaProd nwr_redflag_wat.wwaProd

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WARNINGS					
	Fire Weather				
		Red Flag Warning	RFW	WWA	WWA_redflag_wrn.wwaProd nwr_redflag_wrn.wwaProd
STATEMENTS					
	Fire Weather				
		Fire Danger Statement	RFD	WWA	WWA_fire_wrn.wwaProd nwr_fire_dan.wwaProd

# 1.10.7. Miscellaneous

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WARNINGS					
	Miscellaneous				
		Special Avalanche Warning	SAB	WWA	WWA_aval_wrn.wwaProd nwr_aval_wrn.wwaProd
ADVISORIES					
	Miscellaneous				
		Avalanche Advisory	SAB	WWA	WWA_aval_adv.wwaProd nwr_aval_adv.wwaProd
STATEMENTS					
	Miscellaneous				
		Air Stagnation Advisory	ASA	WWA	WWA_air_stag.wwaProd nwr_air_stag.wwaProd
		Alert Administrative Message	ADM		WWA_alert2.wwaProd nwr_alert2.wwaProd
		Civil Emergency Message	CEM	WWA	WWA_civil_mes.wwaProd nwr_civil_mes.wwaProd
		Earthquake Report	EQR	WWA	WWA_earthqk_rep.wwaProd nwr_earthqk_rep.wwaProd
		Other Public Products	OPU	WWA	WWA_oth_prods.wwaProd nwr_oth_prods.wwaProd
		Public Information Statement	PNS	WWA	WWA_pns_wwaProd nwr_pns_wwaProd

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
		Record Event Report	RER	WWA	WWA_rec_evt_wwaProd nwr_rec_evt.wwaProd
		Short Term Forecast	NOW	WWA WarnGen	WWA_short_wwaProd nwr_short_wwaProd
		WSR-88D Outage Notification	FTM	WWA	WWA_wsr88d.wwaprod nwr_wsr88d.wwaProd

# 1.10.8. Aviation

Hazard Type	Generic Name	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WARNINGS					
	Aviation				
		Airport Weather Warning	AWW	WWA	WWA_airwx_wrn.wwaProd nwr_airwx_wrn.wwaProd
STATEMENTS					
	Aviation				
		Aircraft Incident Notification	OAV	WWA	WWA_aircraft.wwaProd nwr_aircraft.wwaProd

# 1.10.9. Tropical Cyclone

Hazard Type	<b>Generic Name</b>	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
WATCHES					
	Tropical Cyclone				
		Inland Hurricane Wind Watch	NPW	WWA	WWA_hurr_wind_wat.wwaProd nwr_hurr_wind_wat.wwaProd
		Inland Tropical Storm Wind Watch	NPW	WWA	WWA_trop_wind_wat.wwaProd nwr_trop_wind_wat.wwaProd
WARNINGS					
	Tropical Cyclone				
		Inland Hurricane Wind Warning	NPW	WWA	WWA_hurr_wind_wrn.wwaProd nwr_hurr_wind_wrn.wwaProd

Hazard Type	<b>Generic Name</b>	Specific Product Name	Product ID	WFO App	Text / NWR Template
		Inland Tropical Storm Wind Warning	NPW	WWA	WWA_trop_wind_wrn.wwaProd nwr_trop_wind_wrn.wwaProd
STATEMENTS					
	Tropical Cyclone				
		Hurricane Local Statement	HLS	WWA	WWA_hurricane_stmt.wwaProd nwr_hurr_stmt.wwaProd
		Post Tropical Storm Report	PSH	WWA	WWA_tropstorm_rep.wwaProd nwr_tropstorm_rep.wwaProd

<sup>\*</sup> Not an actual WWA product to issued, however included to support other AWIPS applications & functions like WarnGen, IFPS, and WWA GeoViewer displays.

### 2. CONFIGURATION

# 2.1. Defining local settings for individual hazard types

Although hazard types represented in the Composer hazard menu (section 1.10) are nationally supported, local configuration of each individual hazard is still necessary. This section describes how to configure hazard specific characteristics such as VTEC formatting, NWR settings, template file associations, product ids, and more. Please note this section is only intended to outline each field and to provide default values for fields that apply. To understand other possible entries reference the WWA Admin Users Manual.

- 1. Open an xterm window on either  $\underline{lx1}$ .

   if done as user ifps skip to step 3
- 2. Login as user ifps:

su -l ifps <enter ifpsusr password when prompted>

3. Launch the WWA Admin application: WWAAdmin.sh

- 4. Select the Hazard Menu Panel by either selecting the hazard icon on the button bar or by selecting edit, then Hazard Menu on the menu bar.
- 5. Double click on a hazard located in either the Watches, Warnings, Advisories, or statements listbox.
- 6. In the launched hazard configuration interface, Composer/Geographic/Time tab, set the following fields:

WWA Composer:

Check Active: Create in Composer

<u>Time Options</u>:

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#### Geographical Representation:

Check Active: County/Zone

7. In the hazard configuration interface select the VTEC/NWR Format tab and set the following fields:

#### VTEC Codes:

Phenomena = Product dependent select from menu Significance = Product dependent select from menu

### NOAA Weather Radio:

Setting locally dynamic / site specific

Provided WWA NWR Template: reference section 2.4.1 & 1.10.

8. In the hazard configuration interface select the *Miscellaneous Format* tab and set the following fields:

#### UGC Format:

Check: Zone, County, or FireWx base on hazard

#### Product Headline:

Setting locally dynamic / site specific Check appropriate IFPS product where watch headline injection is desired.

<u>Identifiers</u> (WCN Example Only, reference section 1.10. for value):

Issuance: WCN Clearing: WCN Followup: WCN Canceling: WCN

Geography Lists (example only, define appropriately for hazard):

Issuance: cwa\_z, cwa\_c Clearing: cwa\_z, cwa\_c
Followup: cwa\_z, cwa\_c Cancelling: cwa\_z, cwa\_c

Possible options:

cwa\_z = NWS Zones
cwa\_c = County Based

marine\_zone\_dfm = Marine Zones
fwx\_dfm = Fire Weather Zones

### <u>Segmented Checkbox</u>:

Check Active for segmented, Unchecked for Non-segmented.

#### Ending Period Mentioned in ZFP?

Not checked / Inactive

### Template File:

Reference section 1.10 based on hazard

- 9. In the *Miscellaneous Format* tab select the *Edit...* button associated with the *template file* section to edit local changes.
- 10. In the launched template file editor customize the following settings (For more detail on other template file changes reference section 2.5 of this document):

MND Header: Define the site id in MND header

TTAA00 KCCC <NOW | ddhhmm | gmt>&& 

✓ upper case site ID

<u>Headlines</u>: Verify provided headlines are satisfactory for local use, if not edit accordingly.

- 11. Save the template file changes:

  Select **Save** button bottom left on interface.
- 12. Exit Hazard Menu panel:

  Select **Exit** button bottom center of interface.
- 13. Save and exit the *hazard* configuration interface:

  Select **Ok** button bottom left on interface
- 14. Repeat steps 5 through 13 for each hazard as needed.
- 15. Exit WWA Admin application:

  Select the **Exit** button from the bottom center of interface.
- 16. Run WWA lx1 localization by typing:

  cd /awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/
  ./mainScript.csh -wwa
- 17. Remotely log into lx2 by typing:
  rlogin lx2
  <enter password if prompted>
- 18. Run WWA lx2 localization by typing:

  cd /awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/
  ./mainScript.csh -wwa

### 2.2. Activating the VTEC master switch

Before providing steps to activate the VTEC master switch it is important to understand a couple things about WWA and VTEC. First, for a VTEC string to show in a particular product the master switch must be active in conjunction with a valid phenomenon and significance codes defined for that product. The

phenomenon and significance codes are defined for each product through the WWA Administrative application as described in step 7 of section 2.1.

- 1. Open an xterm window on either lx1 or lx2if done as user ifps skip to step 3
- 2. Login as user ifps:

su -l ifps
<enter ifpsusr password when prompted>

3. Launch the WWA Admin application: **WWAAdmin.sh** 

- 4. Select the *Configuration Panel* by clicking the *wrench* icon on the tool bar or by selecting *edit*, then *Configuration* on the menu bar.
- 5. In the Flag Entries tab of the configuration panel select the VTEC Switch checkbox to activate the VTEC master switch.
- 6. Save changes by selecting the *Save* button located on the bottom right of WWA Admin interface.
- 7. Exit WWA Admin application by selecting the *Exit* button located at the bottom of the WWA Admin interface.

# 2.3. Watch By County / Watch County Notification Settings

Steps to configure the WWA application for WCN operational use are described in this section. Some steps may reveal a correct/valid setting and some may not. Regardless of this it is strongly recommended that each step is carried out to ensure an accurate configuration before going operational with the WCN.

There are two basic configurations steps to check off as you go.

Setting WOU functionality parameters (2.3.1)
Defining WCN hazard specific parameter (2.3.2)

### 2.3.1. Setting WOU functionality parameters

There are numerous ways to configure the WOU functionality to define how WWA generates WCN products. This section provides the recommended default settings WFOs are expected to follow.

- 1. Open an xterm window on either lx1 or lx2if done as user ifps skip to step 3
- 2. Login as user ifps:

su -l ifps
<enter ifpsusr password when prompted>

3. Launch the WWA Admin application: WWAAdmin.sh

- 4. Select the *Configuration Panel* by clicking the *wrench* icon on the button bar or by selecting *edit*, then *Configuration* on the menu bar.
- 5. Select the Watch Outline Update (WOU)/WCN formatting from the Configuration Type pull down menu.
- 6. Activate the option Format (on/off) by checking the provided box.
- 7. Deactivate the option *Disseminate to Public* by unchecking the provided box.
- 8. Activate the option Send to Text Workstation by checking the provided box.
- 9. Select Format WCN mode from the provided pull down menu.
- 11. Select local site from *Valid Sites List*, then select the *Add* button.

   Sites can be removed from active listbox by selecting the site and then by selecting the remove button.
- 12. Save changes by selecting the Save button located on the bottom right of WWA Admin interface.
- 13. Exit WWA Admin application by selecting the *Exit* button located at the bottom of the WWA Admin interface.

# 2.3.2. Defining WCN hazard specific parameters

- 1. Open an xterm window on either <u>lx1</u>.if done as user ifps skip to step 3
- 2. Login as user ifps:

su -l ifps
<enter ifpsusr password when prompted>

3. Launch the WWA Admin application:

WWAAdmin.sh

- 4. Select the Hazard Menu Panel by either selecting the hazard icon on the button bar or by selecting edit, then Hazard Menu on the menu bar.
- 5. In the upper left listbox labeled "Watches", scroll to and double click on <u>Severe Thunderstorm (WCN)</u>
- 6. In the launched "Severe Thunderstorm (WCN)" interface, Composer/Geographic/Time tab, set the following fields:

WWA Composer:

Check Active: Create in Composer

<u>Time Options</u>:

Setting locally dynamic / site specific

# Geographical Representation:

Check Active: County/Zone

7. In the "Severe Thunderstorm (WCN)" interface select the VTEC/NWR Format tab and set the following fields:

#### VTEC Codes:

Phenomena = SV Severe Thunderstorm Significance = A Watch

#### NOAA Weather Radio:

Setting locally dynamic / site specific

Provided WWA NWR Template: nwr\_svrt\_wat\_wcn.wwaProd

8. In the "Severe Thunderstorm (WCN)" interface select the *Miscellaneous Format* tab and set the following fields:

#### UGC Format:

Check: County

#### Product Headline:

Setting locally dynamic / site specific Check appropriate IFPS product where watch headline injection is desired.

#### Identifiers:

Issuance: WCN Clearing: WCN Followup: WCN Canceling: WCN

### Geography Lists:

Issuance: cwa\_z, cwa\_c
Followup: cwa\_z, cwa\_c
Cancelling: cwa\_z, cwa\_c

#### Segmented Checkbox:

Checked / Active

#### Ending Period Mentioned in ZFP?

Not checked / Inactive

#### <u>Template File</u>:

WWA\_svrt\_wat\_wcn.wwaProd

- 9. In the Miscellaneous Format tab select the *Edit...* button associated with the Template file section to edit local changes.
- 10. In the launched WWA\_svrt\_wat\_wcn.preWWA editor interface customize the
   following settings:

MND Header: Define the site id in MND header

TTAA00 KCCC <NOW | ddhhmm | gmt>&& 

where CCC is

upper case site ID

Headlines: Verify provided headlines are satisfactory for local
 use, if not edit accordingly.

- 11. Save WWA\_svrt\_wat\_wcn.preWWA template file changes:
  Select **Save** button bottom left on interface.
- 12. Exit template file editor interface:

  Select **Quit** button bottom right on interface.

13. Save and exit Severe Thunderstorm (WCN) configuration interface:

Select Ok button bottom left on interface

- 14. In the upper left listbox labeled "Watches", scroll to and double click on <u>Tornado (WCN)</u>
- 15. In the launched "Tornado(WCN)" interface, Composer/Geographic/Time tab, set the following fields:

#### WWA Composer:

Check Active: Create in Composer

#### Time Options:

Setting locally dynamic / site specific

### Geographical Representation:

Check Active: County/Zone

16. In the "Tornado (WCN)" interface select the VTEC/NWR Format tab and set the following fields:

#### VTEC Codes:

Phenomena = **TO Tornado** Significance = **A Watch** 

# NOAA Weather Radio:

Setting locally dynamic / site specific
Provided WWA NWR Template: nwr\_tor\_wat\_wcn.wwaProd

17. In the "Tornado (WCN)" interface select the *Miscellaneous*Format tab and set the following fields:

### UGC Format:

Check: County

#### Product Headline:

Setting locally dynamic / site specific Check appropriate IFPS product where watch headline injection is desired.

### Identifiers:

Issuance: WCN Clearing: WCN Followup: WCN Canceling: WCN

#### Geography Lists:

Issuance: cwa\_z, cwa\_c Clearing: cwa\_z, cwa\_c
Followup: cwa\_z, cwa\_c Cancelling: cwa\_z, cwa\_c

# <u>Segmented Checkbox</u>:

Checked / Active

#### Ending Period Mentioned in ZFP?

Not checked / Inactive

### <u>Template File</u>:

WWA\_tor\_wat\_wcn.wwaProd

18. In the Miscellaneous Format tab select the *Edit...* button associated with the Template file section to edit local changes.

19. In the launched WWA\_tor\_wat\_wcn.preWWA editor interface customize the following settings:

MND Header: Define the site id in MND header

TTAA00 KCCC <NOW | ddhhmm | gmt>&& 

✓ upper case site ID

<u>Headlines</u>: Verify provided headlines are satisfactory for local use, if not edit accordingly.

- 20. Save WWA\_tor\_wat\_wcn.preWWA template file changes:
  Select **Save** button bottom left on interface.
- 21. Exit template file editor interface:

  Select **Quit** button bottom right on interface.
- 22. Save and exit *Tornado (WCN)* configuration interface: Select **Ok** button bottom left on interface
- 23. Exit WWA Admin application:

  Select **File**, then **Exit** on the menu bar.
- 25. Run WWA lx1 localization by typing:

  cd /awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/
  ./mainScript.csh -wwa

- 28. Exit 1x2 remote login session by typing:
  exit
- 30. Run WWA NWR localization by typing:

  cd /awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/
  ./mainScript.csh -wwa
- 31. Exit dx1, fxa, ifps login sessions and xterm window by typing:

  exit

  exit

  exit

  exit

  exit

# 2.4. NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) CRS Product Formatting

This section describes how to set up NWR tower information used by both WWA and IFPS programs. To accomplish this two different applications will be utilized, the IFPS Configuration Menu and the WWA Admin interface. Setting values described for the these applications are default settings, for more information on other valid settings reference section 4.3. for related material like the WWA Admin Users Manual.

### 2.4.1. Configuring a WWA Product for CRS formatting

# **General NWR Settings**:

1. login as user ifps by typing the following in the open xterm window:

su -l ifps
<enter ifpsusr password if prompted>

2. Launch the WWA Admin application:

WWAAdmin.sh

- 3. Select the *Configuration Panel* by clicking the *wrench* icon on the tool bar or by selecting *edit*, then *Configuration* on the menu bar.
- 4. In the Please Select Configuration Type pull down menu select WWA Site.
- 5. In the Other Miscellaneous Entries tab of the WWA Site configuration panel set the following fields:

Cancel Offset Time (Minutes):

20

CTA Delimiter:

<u>%C</u>

NWR Overview Section Code:

OFF

NWR Short Fused Geography Code:

Let Program Decide Format

6. Save changes by selecting the save button located on the bottom right of WWA Admin interface.

### **Hazard Specific NWR Settings:**

- 7. Select the *Hazard Menu Panel* by either selecting the *hazard* icon on the button bar or by selecting *edit*, then *Hazard* on the menu bar.
- 8. Double click on a hazard located in either the Watches, Warnings, Advisories, or statements listbox.

9. In the hazard configuration interface select the VTEC/NWR Format tab and set the following NWR related fields (other settings see section 2.1.):

<u>Send to CRS by default</u>:

Check Active

EAS ID:

Select from list, or type in EAS ID. Hazard dependent.

NWR Template File:

Hazard Specific: reference section 1.10.

Select NWR Template file Edit button:

<Make local adjustments>

Save Quit

Select CRS Header Info button:

<set fields based on local needs>

Save Quit

- 10. Exit the hazard configuration interface by selecting OK at the bottom left of the WWA Admin application.
- 11. Exit WWA Admin application by selecting the *Exit* button located at the bottom of the WWA Admin interface.
- 12. Exit the ifps login session and close xterm window:

exit exit

# 2.4.2. IFPS NWR Tower Settings

- 2. Login as user root:

su

<enter root password when prompted>

3. Launch the IFPS Configuration Menu by typing:

/awips/adapt/ifps/bin/linux/config\_ifps CCC ← CCC = Site ID

- 4. Update zone/county-to-NWR Tower list by following these steps:
  - When zones are added to your WFO or a neighbor's WFO, they will often fall under one or more of your NWR Towers' broadcast areas. Since it is difficult or impossible for the CWA Change scripts to determine which towers the new zone belongs to, you must be do this step manually.
    - Step 1: In the Configure IFPS menu select "Foundation Software"
    - Step 2: From the Configure Foundation Software menu select "Establish Geographic Settings" to launch the Config Geo interface.
    - Step 3: In the Config Geo interface set the Mode selector bar to "Group".

- Step 4: In the Config Geo interface set the Geography selector bar to "Radio Towers".
- Step 5: In the Config Geo interface select a NWR Tower ID from the Group selector bar.
- Step 6: Add zone to selected tower by selecting the zone on the map and then by selecting the *Add* button.
- Step 7: Repeat steps 5 & 6 for each zone you wish to add to the tower's broadcast area.
- 6. Save & Close the IFPS Configuration Menu.

# 2.4.3. WWA Summary Product Settings

The WWA\_Summary product is run on the concept of summary suites, which is a similar concept to the CRS broadcast suites, and relays information concerning the WHAT, WHEN, and WHERE of each hazard. In the table below there are examples of possible summary suites. The first column refers to the name of the product. The second column refers to hazard identifiers, which define hazards such as a tornado warning (TOR) and the order in which these hazards are listed is the order in which they will appear in the summary product. The "+" character indicates the hazard is a trigger, which is similar to a trigger in the CRS setup tables. Numbers in the third column are representative of the number of hazards in the specific summary suite that must be issued at one time for a summary product to be produced. There is a hierarchical order in the summary suites so that only the summary suite with the highest priority is broadcast. For more information about how to configure this functionality reference the WWA Admin users manual.

SUM	TOR+, SRV+, FFW+,FLW+	3	
SUM	TOA+, SVA+, FFA+,FLA+	4	
SUM	BZW+, WSW, NPW+.HWW+	2	

Figure 13 - Summery product table

### 2.5. Template Files

Since the WWA application uses the same template file class designed by FSL for WarnGen the same rules apply to WWA template files. Because of this FLSs OB2 Template file documentation located at /awips/fxa/data/localization/documentation/TextTemplate.doc on ds1 is provided below.

In WFO Advanced, the software that generates the text for watches, warnings, or advisories (wwa's) uses template files to control exactly how each wwa is built. Template files allow one to change the characteristics of a particular wwa, or add a new one, without having to change the code.

There are four main concepts to understand within template files, paragraphs, substitutions, bullets, and variables.

The text of a template is very free format. In general, consecutive spaces are changed to one space before processing, spaces preceding a period are removed, and all consecutive lines of text without an intervening blank line are considered to be in a paragraph. Also, individual lines and arguments in substitutions have their leading and trailing spaces stripped before processing. A place holder character (~) and a paragraph break character (&) are available to override this default behavior. Later in this document is a table of all special characters.

A substitution is a signal to the software to build some text based on the geographic, temporal, or other characteristics of the wwa in question. The general format of a substitution is as follows:

```
< substitution_type | qualifier_type = qualifier_value | ... >
```

The substitution type, qualifier type, and qualifier value are in general just text. However, certain qualifier types for certain substitution types do result in the qualifier value being interpreted as a number. Not all qualifier types require that a qualifier value be present. Normally, leading and trailing spaces are stripped off of the qualifier value. However, if a `==' (double equals sign) is used between a qualifier type and value, then a leading and trailing space is added to the qualifier value.

If a line or series of lines contain nothing but a substitution that results in no text being generated, it is as if those lines never appeared in the template. Thus, an null substitution will not create a paragraph break in this case. If it is desired that text from two substitutions be directly adjacent with no intervening spaces, then the trailing delimiter from the first needs to be directly adjacent and on the same line as the leading delimiter from the next. A line continuation (backslash at the end of a line, see special characters table) can accomplish this as well.

To date, by convention, substitution types are all caps and qualifier types are all lower case with underscores. The text that results from a substitution can be completely within a paragraph, be a single paragraph in itself, or span several paragraphs. Place holder and/or paragraph break characters in the text from a substitution are fully interpreted in organizing paragraphs. Later in this document is a table of currently available substitutions. Two very important types of substitutions rely on geographic entity lookup tables (gelt's) to produce their text. Some additional information about gelt's is available from newGELTmaker.doc.html in localization/documentation/. The reader is also directed to the documentation in the software modules GeoEntityLookupTable.C and GeoEntityLookupTable.H for further information.

A bullet is a piece of text that can appear or not appear in the output text based on a software switch under control of the user. The basic format of a bullet is as follows:

```
{= ^ title text | bullet text }
```

The equals sign (=) is an optional signal which, if present, specifies that the state of this bullet can be triggered by the contents of a previous product. This new feature is mostly to support follow-up and the equals sign must be immediately after the leading curly to invoke this. There is an automated algorithm for choosing the exact text that triggers the inclusion of the bullet in this case, but that can be overridden by providing a second equals sign, and then the text between the two equals signs is the trigger text. The trigger

text can be divided into multiple strings, each of which must be present in the text to activate the bullet, using a comma (,) as a delimiter. Finally, one can place a leading minus sign (-) on a trigger string, which means that this text must not be present to trigger the bullet. For bullets that show up on the user interface, this only controls the initial state of the bullet; the user can always change it.

The carat sign (^) is an optional signal which, if present, specifies that this text should be marked for inclusion by default. The title text is a label by which the user refers to the text of the bullet. The bullet text is what actually appears in the output text when the bullet is marked for inclusion. Just as with a substitution, the text from a bullet can be completely within a paragraph, be a single paragraph in itself, or span several paragraphs. Substitutions can appear within a bullet, but bullets cannot be imbedded within substitutions.

There is a new feature that allows a lot more control over whether to use the text for a given bullet and whether to present that as an option on the user interface. This is based on logical operators being included in the title text of the bullet. These logical operators make it possible for bullets to be hidden from the user interface and to have their states controlled by the contents of template variables, which can also read from environment variables. These logical operators are in square brackets, and should have one of the following formats: [show xxx.oo.yyy], [on xxx.oo.yyy], [toggle xxx.oo.yyy], and [xxx.oo.yyy]. Any text not matching one of these formats will be interpreted as the plain text part of the title. The xxx and yyy is any arbitrary text that may or may not contain template variables. The `oo' is one of the following logical operators: eq, ne, gt, lt, ge, le, in (left string is contained in right string) and ni (left string is not contained in right string). The operators gt, lt, ge, and le are purely string comparisons. Only one of these logical operators are allowed in the title. The one with the lead keyword `show' means that if the test is true, then present that bullet in the user interface. The one with the lead keyword `on' means if the test is true, then that bullet should be on by default. The `toggle' test will present that bullet in the user interface AND toggle the default inclusion state as determined by the leading carat sign (^) if true. The remaining type of test with no keyword will never be shown to the user, and its presence in the output text will depend on the truth of the test.

While it is not possible to nest substitutions, it is possible to direct the text of a substitution into a variable, and then that variable can be referred to within the value of a 'lead' or 'trail' qualifier in another substitution. The text of any substitution can be directed to a variable by placing a qualifier of the type 'var' in the substitution. The value of the 'var' qualifier is the name of the variable that the text of the substitution is assigned to. Variable names should be all alphabetic or numeric characters, with no escape sequences or spaces (underscores are OK). A variable name is referred to with a leading `\$\$' (double dollar sign) and a trailing `!' (exclamation point). If one puts variable defining substitutions into a bullet, then whether that variable is defined is controlled by whether that bullet is turned on.

For products that are not on the very top level warnGen menu (in the Other: selector), the title that appears in that menu is controlled by the first line in the template file, which has the following format:

// "sort text | title text"

Any text before the optional vertical bar does not actually appear on the warnGen menu, but just controls the sorting of the products in the menu. If a template has no title, then no entry corresponding to it will appear in the Other: product selector.

# Special characters for template files:

- Backslash at the end of a line represents a line continuation to the module that actually reads the text file into memory. Line continuations are meaningless in the context of the template and can cause odd paragraphing behavior, so this use is not recommended. In all other cases, a backslash escapes the immediately following character. This means that the following character will appear in the text without the backslash, but will not be interpreted as a special character.
- // Double slash is a comment marker in the module that actually reads the text file into memory. From there to the end of the line is a comment. Comments are OK, but they should be used with care inside a substitution or bullet.
- \$\$ Double dollar sign is the signal that what follows is a variable name, and that it should be replaced with the value of that variable in the output text. The variable name is up to the next escape or exclamation point.
- ! Variable name terminator. In the case where a `!' is used to terminate a variable name, the exclamation point does not appear in the output text.
- # When appearing at the beginning of a line, the pound sign can be part of a C/C++ style include statement, which are interpreted by the module that actually reads the text file into memory.
- Substitution delimiters. Text in angle brackets does not appear in the output directly. Substitution text is a description of some text which can be built based on the geographic, temporal, or other characteristics of the watch, warning, or advisory in question.
- Bullet delimiters. Text in curly braces can appear or not appear in the output text based on a software switch under control of the user.
- Field separator. Separates title from the text in a bullet, individual qualifiers from each other in a substitution.
- = Separates the type of a qualifier from its value. Also, when immediately following the lead curly for a bullet, allows the state of the bullet to be controlled by the text of a previous product.
- ^ Marks a bullet as being included by default.
- Delimits individual trigger strings when the lead curly of a bullet is immediately followed by an equals sign, and then another equals sign to designate trigger text.
- Indent/place holder. When internal to a paragraph, will cause a space to be placed where otherwise the automatic paragraph formatting might cause a space to be removed. At the beginning of a paragraph causes all text in that paragraph to be indented one space for each ~ that appears. An escaped space will behave just like a place holder, but not like an indent marker.

- % Reverse indent marker. When at the beginning of a paragraph causes all text in that paragraph except for the first line to be indented one space for each % that appears. Reverse indent markers can appear immediately after standard indent markers (~ characters).
- & Paragraph break. Causes a new paragraph to start without an intervening blank line. Two consecutive paragraph breaks will force a blank line to appear.
- [] Used as translation delimiters within translation control strings, and as delimiters for logical expressions in bullet titles.
- . Delimits logical operators within logical expressions that may appear in bullet titles.
- The back quote is an invisible character, which will result in no output text but will still be treated as a non-null piece of text for the purposes of formatting the output from a GELT.

Currently available substitutions. Each type is followed by a sub table describing the applicable qualifiers. Qualifiers require no value unless qualifier values are mentioned.

Time generating substitutions. These all have the same list of possible qualifiers.

ISSUE Causes text to be generated describing the issue time of the wwa being generated.

START Causes text to be generated describing the start time of the wwa being generated.

EXPIRE Causes text to be generated describing the expiration time of the wwa being generated.

EVENT Causes text to be generated describing the time of occurrence of the weather event for

which the wwa is being generated.

NOW Causes text to be generated describing the current time. Clock Output in clock format, e.g. 905 PM MDT. Default.

header Output in product header format, e.g. 255 PM MDT WED JUL 12 1995.

Output in like format, where dd is day, hh is hour, and mm is minute.

plain Output including a plain language description of the time of day, e.g. 200 PM MDT

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

local Output in local time. Default. gmt Output in Greenwich Mean Time.

interval Value is number of minutes to round time to. By default times are not rounded.

delta Value is number of minutes by which to change the time specified by the substitution

type. Default is zero.

round Same as interval, but causes the resulting time to be used to alter the internally held value

for the time being output.

last table Only output this time text if the last area table used produced some output.

no text Will not generate any text.

lead Value is some arbitrary text that will precede the time description. Value is some arbitrary text that will follow the time description.

var Value is the name of a variable that has assigned to it the text produced here.

TIME\_ZONE This substitution generates no text; its purpose is to control how and whether time zone

information is put into formatted time strings.

no If present, do not output time zone information.

yes If present, do output time zone information. This is the default case.

change If present, output time zone information when the time zone changes. Will always output

a time zone the first time after this is invoked.

force Output time zone information using a specific unix time zone environment variable, the

text of which is in the value.

TWO TIMES This substitution generates no text. When present, the 'Change...' dialog in the

warnGen interface becomes active. The beginning and ending times in this dialog

are accessible in the template using the START and EXPIRE substitutions.

VAR This substitution is made available for the purpose to allowing the user to direct the

contents of the lead and/or trail qualifier into a variable.

lead Beginning of some arbitrary text. trail Ending of some arbitrary text.

var Value is the name of a variable that has assigned to it the text produced here.

DISTANCE\_UNITS This substitution generates no text; its purpose is to control the units with

distances are reported.

units Units string to attach to distances, defaults to 'MILES'.

multiplier Number to multiply raw distance values by to get the desired unit. Raw distances are in

km, so default multiplier is 0.6211 (1/1.61).

MOVEMENT This substitution generates text that describes the movement of the weather event

for which the wwa is being generated. If the movement is marked as undefined,

no text will be generated.

units Units string to attach to speed, defaults to 'MPH'.

multiplier Number to multiply raw speed from tracking calculation to get desired unit. Raw speed

is in km/s, so default multiplier is 2236 (3600/1.61).

interval Value is number of speed units to round speed to. By default speeds are not rounded

except to an integer.

stationary If this is text, then it is the text used to describe a stationary weather event. If a number,

then it is the speed in output units below which a weather event is considered stationary.

Defaults to `STATIONARY' and 2.5.

move lead Value is some arbitrary text that will precede the speed and direction description for a

weather event that is not stationary. Defaults to 'MOVING~'.

move trail Value is some arbitrary text that will follow the speed and direction description for a

weather event that is not stationary. Defaults to an empty string.

lead Value is some arbitrary text that will precede the movement description.

trail Value is some arbitrary text that will follow the movement description.

var Value is the name of a variable that has assigned to it the text produced here.

COORDS Puts encode latitude and longitude coordinates into the product that can be used for

plotting warnings.

**DURATIONS** 

This is a special substitution that generates no text. Each qualifier is a possible duration for the wwa, in number of minutes or in hh:mm format. The qualifier with the value 'default' is the default duration. (This substitution type does completely invert the usual syntax for qualifier types and values.)

AUX\_INFO This is a special substitution that generates no text. Each qualifier is a key, and each value is some text that can be passed back to the client based on that key.

DEPICT\_KEYS

This is a special substitution that generates no text. Each qualifier is a map background key that should be loaded in the wwa program when this template is being used.

**COLUMNS** 

lead separator trail This is a special substitution that generates no text. This controls column layouts. Text that occurs before the first column. Defaults to `~~' (two place holders). Text that occurs before between columns. Defaults to `~' (one place holder). Text that occurs after the last column. Defaults to an empty string.

**AREA** 

This substitution causes text to be generated describing the area of the wwa. This substitution makes use of a gelt.

file

Value is the name of a gelt file, minus the file suffix. One can use unix environment variables within the file name. There can be several `file' qualifiers in one `AREA' substitution. With one exception, all qualifiers up to the next `file' qualifier modify that `file' qualifier. The default behavior is to process each `file' qualifier in order until it finds one that actually generates some text, then will return that text for the substitution. When two consecutive file qualifiers refer to the same file, the values of other qualifiers will be preserved. They will often revert to defaults when a new file is introduced. If this is not true, then this will be noted and that qualifier will be referred to as persistent.

accumulate

If this qualifier is present, then all file qualifiers will be processed and the list of items used will be the sum total of the items produced from all of the tables. This qualifier is persistent.

area

This qualifier defines the area of interest that this gelt file will try to provide a description for. If the value is `WWA' then the base polygon of the wwa is used to define the area of interest. If the value is some other gelt file, then whatever area is currently held within that gelt is used as the area of interest. This is useful for imposing consistency between different gelts that might otherwise react differently to filtering because they have different types of geographic entities. If this qualifier is not present, whatever area is currently held within that gelt is used, unchanged. The first time a gelt file is referred to within a template, this qualifier needs to be present. This qualifier is persistent even to file changes.

format

The purpose of this qualifier is to control how lists of individual items from a gelt are put together. This value can be `list', `ugc', `count', `none', `simple', `xxx\_columns', or `blank' of which `list' is the default. `list' will cause each item returned to be put in a list separated by elipses. `ugc' will cause the items to be formatted as they were a list of ugc codes. `xxx columns' will cause the items to

be arranged in columns, where the actual text of the value is `one\_column', `two\_columns' up through `seven\_columns'. `count' just returns an ASCII string representing the number of items in the list. `simple' means just catenate the text together. `none' means no text is generated for this file qualifier. `blank' means no text is generated for the list, but lead and trail qualifiers will still be used. This qualifier is persistent.

multiple

If the value is "yes", then the substitution will only produce text if more that one point describes the weather event. If the value is "no", then the substitution will only produce text if a single point describes the weather event. Any other value invokes the default behavior, which is to allow any number of points in the weather event. If the weather event does not exist, then this qualifier has no effect. This qualifier is persistent.

min count

Minimum number of unique items that must result from the gelt query after translation in order to allow the current qualifier to generate text. Defaults to one. When in accumulate mode and the value is negative, accumulation will stop as soon as that many (absolute value) are present. This qualifier is persistent. If positive, and more than this many items are returned from the gelt query, no text will result. If negative, will truncate the list to that many (absolute value). When in accumulate mode and the value is positive, will only dispose of the text from the specific `file' qualifier that caused the count to exceed the threshold, not

max\_count

all text. Defaults to a very large number. This qualifier is persistent. Each geographic entity in a gelt has some descriptive text associated with it, which is broken into one or more fields delimited by vertical bars. The value of the 'output\_field' qualifier is the index of the field which is the text returned for each geographic entity, one based. Zero (the default) mean returns all text regardless of field delimiters.

output\_field

 $item\_format$ 

This value is a translation control string which controls how each item from the gelt is reformatted. The default is to do no reformatting. See next main section for information about translation control strings. This is really a more powerful version of the `output\_field' qualifier.

sort by

This value is a translation control string which controls how the individual items from the gelt are sorted before being used. If blank, then no sorting occurs, which is the default behavior. See next main section for information about translation control strings. This qualifier is persistent.

stratify by

This value is a translation control string which controls one manner by which the individual items from the gelt are grouped before being used. Items for which the result of the translation are the same are considered to be in the same group. For each group, it is as if a separate substitution entry was present, with the formatting and application of lead/trail qualifiers occurring independently. If blank, then no stratification occurs, which is the default behavior. This qualifier is persistent. This value is a translation control string which controls yet another manner by which the individual items from the gelt are grouped before being used. This manner of grouping responds to the sort\_by qualifier. Consecutive items that have the same result of the group\_by translation are in the same group. These groups

do not respond as if each were from a separate substitution entry. An item's position in a group can be acted on by the item\_format translation control string. If blank, all items are in the same group, which is the default behavior. This

group by

qualifier is persistent.

in\_group If positive, and more than this many items in any group result from the gelt query,

no text will be returned. If negative, will truncate each group to that many items (absolute value). When in accumulate mode and the value is positive, will only dispose of the text from the specific 'file' qualifier that caused the maximum group size to exceed the threshold, not all text. Defaults to a very large number.

This qualifier is persistent.

max\_groups If positive, and more than this many groups result from the gelt query, no text will

be returned. If negative, will truncate the list to that many groups (absolute value). When in accumulate mode and the value is positive, will only dispose of the text from the specific 'file' qualifier that caused the group count to exceed the threshold, not all text. Defaults to a very large number. This qualifier is

persistent.

interval

unique by Under normal circumstances, non-unique items will be removed from a list, this

being determined by the result of their item\_format qualifier. The result of the translation control string in a unique\_by qualifier is yet another way in which items can be marked as non-unique and be removed. If blank, then it will not be

used, which is the default behavior. This qualifier is persistent.

delta Invokes a feature which causes a time, distance, and bearing to be assigned to

each geographic entity, based on when the weather event will be closest to that entity. If a value is present, entities having a time associated with them within that many minutes of the start time of the warning will not be used. In place of this time offset, one may express the cutoff with any of the following time types as a literal string: issue, start, now, event, purge, and expire. The time, distance and bearing can be used by a translation control string. This qualifier is persistent.

If present, times assigned to geographic entities will be rounded to this many minutes. This qualifier is persistent. If unrounded times are OK, then a

negative value for the interval will be most efficient.

max dist

A point more than this far from the location of the weather phenomena (in km)

will not be referenced. This also causes a time, distance, and bearing to be assigned to each geographic entity, based on when the weather event will be

closest to that entity. This qualifier is persistent.

proximal Value is an additional phrase prepended to the description of a single point if it

happens to be directly over some geographic entity. If a number, then this is how close a weather event must be to a location to be considered "OVER" it, in km.

The default values are "OVER~" and 3 km. This qualifier is persistent.

proximal2 Just like proximal except it come into effect when the distance is between the

distance for proximal and the distance for proximal2. The default values are

"NEAR~" and 8 km. This qualifier is persistent.

portions If present, activates a feature which will provide a plain language description of

which portions of a geographic entity fall within the area of interest. A value, if present, represents the minimum size in square km that an entity must be in order

to be described in this fashion, the default being zero.

central If present, activates a feature which will allow the use of the keyword "central"

when describing a portion of an area.

extreme If present, activates a feature which will make use of the keyword "extreme"

when describing the situation where only a very small portion of some

geographic entity falls within the area of interest.

min\_fraction Value is the minimum fraction of a geographic entity which must fall within the

area of interest for that geographic entity to be included. Default value is zero, so

if this qualifier is not included, then the feature is in effect turned off.

min area Value is the minimum size in square km of a geographic entity which must fall

within the area of interest for that geographic entity to be included. Default value is zero, so if not this qualifier is not included, then the feature is in effect turned

off.

test\_both When present, a portion of a geographic entity must pass both tests to be included

in the area of interest. by default, it must only pass one test or the other.

lead Value is a translation control string which will provide text that will precede the

text provided by the gelt. First item from the gelt is input to the translation

control string to produce the result. This qualifier is persistent.

trail Value is a translation control string which will provide text that will follow the

text provided by the gelt. Last item from the gelt is input to the translation

control string to produce the result. This qualifier is persistent.

fragment occurs in a certain field; the value of this qualifier is the index of that field. This index affects the next 'include text' qualifier that occurs. The default

is 0. which causes all fields to be checked.

include\_text Text to look for in the field pointed to by value of the last `include\_field'

qualifier. The occurrence of the `include\_text' qualifier is what actually activates this feature. Multiple occurrences of the `include\_text' qualifier for a single `file' qualifier will result in multiple checks for text that must be present in an entity.

The default behavior is for no include checks to occur. The effect of this qualifier

never carries over between 'file' qualifiers.

fragment occurs in a certain field; the value of this qualifier is the index of that field. This index affects the next 'exclude text' qualifier that occurs. The default

is 0, which causes all fields to be checked.

exclude text Text to look for in the field pointed to by value of the last 'exclude field'

qualifier. The occurrence of the 'exclude\_text' qualifier is what actually activates this feature. Multiple occurrences of the 'exclude\_text' qualifier for a single 'file' qualifier will result in multiple checks for text that must not be present in an entity. The default behavior is for no exclude checks to occur. The effect of this

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qualifier never carries over between 'file' qualifiers.

no\_same If present, will not generate any text if the last time a gelt based substitution was

used the exact same text was generated.

cross This allows an additional table to be used to add to information to individual item

descriptions. In the cross reference table, the description is of the centroid of the entity found in the main table in the 'file' qualifier. See the description of translation control strings for information about how to use the information from

across reference table in an item description.

This qualifier allow one to exclude geographic entities that were previously used

to generate text in some other instance of an AREA or WX substitution. There are three main values for this qualifier; 'clear', which means empty out the list

of previously used entities, 'accumulate', which means add entities from this

substitution to the list, and 'avoid', which means do not generate text for those entities in the list. There are also two hybrid values for this qualifier; 'begin', which means clear then accumulate, and 'implement' which means avoid than clear.

var area\_handling Value is the name of a variable that has assigned to it the text produced here. Value is how the input area is used to update the current active area held by the gelt. Defaults to `initialize', which means set the active area to be the same as the input area. `add' means add the input area to the current active area. `remove' means remove the input area from the current active area. `restrict' means only keep in the current active area those area both already in the current active area and in the input area. `toggle' means change the active state of all points in the input area.

sequence

When present, this qualifier activates a feature whereby potentially redundant text can be removed from the items returned. If there is grouping as defined with the group\_by qualifier, then redundant text can be removed from all but one item within the group. Any text before a leading `FROM' before any occurrence of `TO' will be removed from all but the first of the group. Any text after any occurrence of `TO' and starting with the occurrence of one of the delimiting strings supplied as arguments to any number of sequence qualifiers will be removed from all but the last of the group. Delimiting strings supplied as arguments beginning with an underscore allow redundant text to be removed from the beginning of an item when it occurs both at the beginning and end of the item. Text after the underscore in this case are strings that must occur in the redundant text for it to be removed

WX

This substitution causes text to be generated describing the location of the weather event for which the wwa is being generated. This substitution makes use of a gelt.

file

Value is the name of a gelt file, minus the file suffix. One can use unix environment variables within the file name. There can be several `file' qualifiers in one `WWA' substitution. All qualifiers up to the next `file' qualifier modify that `file' qualifier. The code will process each `file' qualifier in order until the required minimum number of weather points have been identified. When two consecutive file qualifiers refer to the same file, the values of other qualifiers will be preserved. They will often revert to defaults when a new file is introduced. If this is not true, then this will be noted and that qualifier will be referred to as persistent.

area

This qualifier defines the area of interest that this gelt file will try to provide a description for. If the value is `WWA' then the base polygon of the wwa is used to define the area of interest. If the value is some other gelt file, then whatever area is currently held within that gelt is used as the area of interest. This is useful for imposing consistency between different gelts that might otherwise react differently to filtering because they have different types of geographic entities. If this qualifier is not present, whatever area is currently held within that gelt is used, unchangeded. The first time a gelt file is referred to within a template, this qualifier needs to be present.

format

Value is either 'list', 'line', or 'none', of which 'line' is the default. 'list' will cause

a description of the locations of weather events to be presented as an elipses delimited list. 'line' will cause a list of weather locations to be described as a line spanning these locations. 'none' will result in no text being generated. This qualifier is persistent.

multiple If the value is "yes", then the substitution will only produce text if more that one

point is being used to describe the weather event. If the value is "no", then the substitution will only produce text if only one point is being used to describe the weather event. Any other value invokes the default behavior, which is to allow

any number of points. This qualifier is persistent.

output\_field Each geographic entity in a gelt has some descriptive text associated with it,

which is broken into one or more fields delimited by vertical bars. The value of the 'output\_field' qualifier is the index of the field which is the text returned for each geographic entity, one based. Zero mean returns all text regardless of field

delimiters. This qualifier is persistent.

item\_format This value is a translation control string which controls how each item from the gelt is reformatted. The default is to do no reformatting. See next main section

for information about translation control strings. This is really a more powerful

version of the 'output field' qualifier. This qualifier is persistent.

portions If present, activates a feature which will provide a plain language description of

which portions of a geographic entity fall within the area of interest. A value, if present, represents the minimum size in square km that an entity must be in order

to be described in this fashion, the default being zero.

extreme If present, activates a feature which will make use of the keyword "extreme"

when describing the situation where a point falls very near the boundary of some

geographic entity.

min fraction Value is the minimum fraction of a geographic entity which must fall within the

area of interest for that geographic entity to be included. Default value is zero, so

if not this qualifier is not included, then the feature is in effect turned off.

min area Value is the minimum size in square km of a geographic entity which must fall

within the area of interest for that geographic entity to be included. Default value

is zero, so if not this qualifier is not included, then the feature is in effect

turned off.

test both When present, a portion of a geographic entity must pass both tests to be included

in the area of interest. by default, it must only pass one test or the other.

lead Value is a translation control string which will provide text that will precede the

text provided by the gelt. First item from the gelt is input to the translation

control string to produce the result. This qualifier is persistent.

trail Value is a translation control string which will provide text that will follow the

text provided by the gelt. First item from the gelt is input to the translation

provided by the gent. I not term from the gent is imput to the translation

control string to produce the result. This qualifier is persistent.

include field It is possible to only include those geographic entities for which a certain text

fragment occurs in a certain field; the value of this qualifier is the index of that field. This index affects the next `include\_text' qualifier that occurs. The default

is 0, which causes all fields to be checked.

include text Text to look for in the field pointed to by value of the last 'include field' qualifier.

The occurrence of the `include\_text' qualifier is what actually activates this feature. Multiple occurrences of the `include text' qualifier for a single `file'

qualifier will result in multiple checks for text that must be present in an entity. The default behavior is for no include checks to occur. The effect of this qualifier never carries over between 'file' qualifiers. exclude\_field - It is possible to exclude those geographic entities for which a certain text fragment occurs in a certain field; the value of this qualifier is the index of that field. This index affects the next 'exclude\_text' qualifier that occurs. The default is 0, which causes all fields to be checked.

exclude text

Text to look for in the field pointed to by value of the last `exclude\_field' qualifier. The occurrence of the `exclude\_text' qualifier is what actually activates this feature. Multiple occurrences of the `exclude\_text' qualifier for a single `file' qualifier will result in multiple checks for text that must not be present in an entity. The default behavior is for no exclude checks to occur. The effect of this qualifier never carries over between `file' qualifiers.

filter

If present, activates behavior where no item in a gelt can be referred to unless it is identified as being at least partially within the area currently held by the gelt. If present, will not generate any text if the last time a gelt based substitution was

no\_same

used the exact same location description was generated.

proximal

Value is an additional phrase prepended to the description of a single point if it happens to be directly over some geographic entity. If a number, then this is how close a weather event must be to a location to be considered "OVER" it, in km. The default values are "OVER~" and 3 km. This qualifier is persistent.

proximal2

Just like proximal except it come into effect when the distance is between the distance for proximal and the distance for proximal2. The default values are "NEAR~" and 8 km. This qualifier is persistent.

max dist

A point more than this far from the location of the weather phenomena will not be referenced. This qualifier is persistent.

interval

If present, a reported time for the weather event is rounded to this many minutes. This qualifier is persistent.

delta

Normally, a 'WX' substitution will describe the location of the weather event as it was identified on the last frame with the storm marker. If the 'delta' qualifier is present, then this substitution will describe the projected location of the weather event that many minutes in the future. This substitution will not generate text if the resulting time is not within the valid period of the wwa.

used

This qualifier allows one to exclude geographic entities that were previously used to generate text in some other instance of an AREA or WX substitution. There are three main values for this qualifier; 'clear', which means empty out the list of previously used entities, 'accumulate', which means add entities from this substitution to the list, and 'avoid', which means do not generate text for those entities in the list. There are also two hybrid values for this qualifier; 'begin', which means clear then accumulate, and 'implement' which means avoid than clear

var sequence Value is the name of a variable that has assigned to it the text produced here. When present, this qualifier activates a feature whereby potentially redundant text can be removed from the items returned. If there is grouping as defined with the group\_by qualifier, then redundant text can be removed from all but one item within the group. Any text before a leading `FROM' before any occurrence of `TO' will be removed from all but the first of the group. Any text after any

occurrence of `TO' and starting with the occurrence of one of the delimiting strings supplied as arguments to any number of sequence qualifiers will be removed from all but the last of the group. Delimiting strings supplied as arguments beginning with an underscore allow redundant text to be removed from the beginning of an item when it occurs both at the beginning and end of the item. Text after the underscore in this case are strings that must occur in the redundant text for it to be removed.

This section describes how translation control strings work. As mentioned before, each piece of text found in the \*.id file of a gelt is broken up into fields by vertical bars. A translation control string allows the user to intermingle literal text, untranslated text straight from one of the fields of an item of gelt text, or an item of gelt text that is translated somehow. Here is an example of a translation control string:

# ABC [1]DEF[2,tuv] HIJ [xyz]

The result of this translation control string will be the literal text "ABC", followed by the contents of field one, followed by the literal text "DEF", followed by the contents of field 2 acted on by the translation type `tuv', followed by the literal text "HIJ", followed by the result of translation type `xyz' acting on the whole gelt item. A field index of 99 is treated the same as literal text.

There are several numbers that can be added to the field index that will allow additional flexibility in formatting. Adding 50 to the field index will cause the formatting code to try to get a field from cross reference text. This will only work if a 'cross' qualifier is present with the table from which one is generating text. 50 means all text from the cross reference table, 51 means field one from the cross reference table, etc.

The other numbers that can be added to field indices control whether text is generated based on an item's position in a group. Adding 1000 means show this text only if the items current group has exactly one item. Adding 2000 means show this text only if the items current group has more than one item. Adding 3000 means show this text only if there is just one weather point. Adding 6000 means show this text only if there is more than one weather point.

Group positions are referred to as front, back, and mid, referring to the first, last, and anything not first or last, respectively. Additionally, start and end refer to the first and last in the entire lists of items. These are the numbers that can be added to a field index to refer to the various positions in a group:

100 - start or front

200 - start

300 - front

400 - mid

500 - back

600 - end

700 - back or end

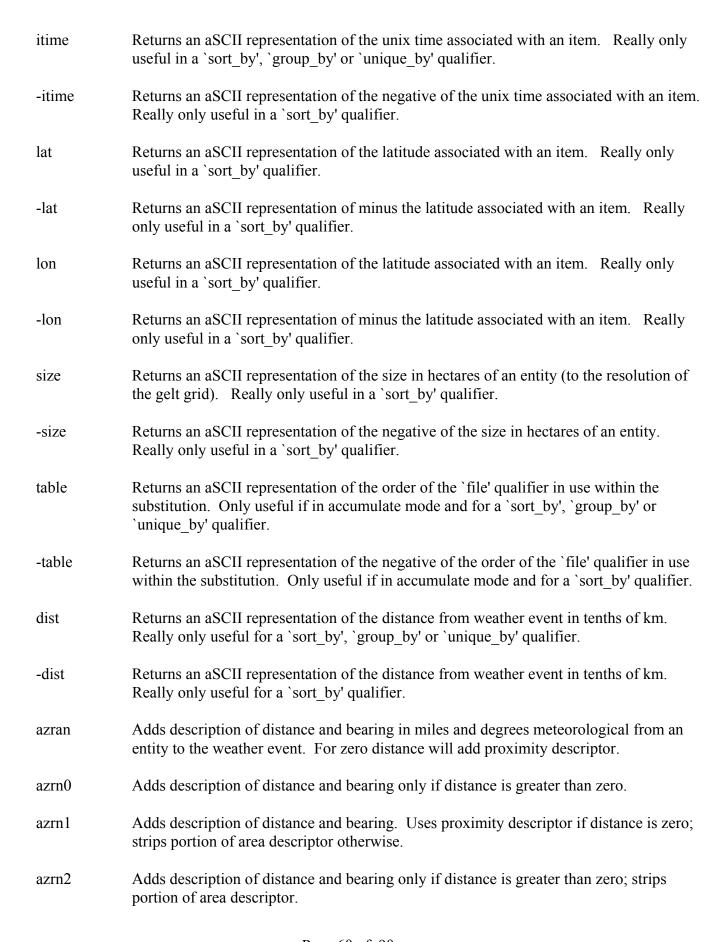
If one of these numbers is added to the field index then the item must be in that position in the group for that text to be shown. If the field index is made negative, then the item must not be in that position in the group for that text to be shown. Here is a list of the recognized translation types. For some of them, the text of the gelt item is not actually used.

- This translation attempts to convert an upper case postal abbreviation into a state name. The state data for this translation is in the file national Data/state.abrev. This translation attempts to convert a lower case abbreviation of an area of a state into plain area language, such as 'ne' to 'NORTHEAST'. The data for this translation is in the file nationalData/areas.abrev. This translation attempts to identify the state in question and provide the proper county type nomenclature for counties or county equivalents (i.e. PARISH). The data for this translation is in the file national Data/county type.abrev. counties type Same as 'county type' translation except that it will return plural if the number of items returned from the gelt query is more than one. This translation combines the results of the 'state' and 'area' translation and attempts to area state provide text such as 'NORTHEAST TEXAS'. This translation combines the results of the 'state' 'area', and 'county type' county area state translation and attempts to provide text such as 'BACA COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST COLORADO'. clock Provides a clock format description of the local time. Uses the beginning of the wwa for the `AREA' substitution, uses the time of the weather event for a `WX' substitution. This translation type does not use the text of the gelt item. plain Just like a 'clock' translation type except it provides a plain language description of the date and time. header Just like a 'clock' translation type except it provides a header format description of the date and time. ddhhmm Provides a ddhhmm format description of the gmt time. Uses the beginning of the wwa for the `AREA' substitution, uses the time of the weather event for a `WX' substitution. This translation type does not use the text of the gelt item. Returns an aSCII representation of the count of the number of items returned from a gelt count query. Returns an aSCII representation of the count of the number of items in a group. gcnt Returns an aSCII representation of the gelt table index of an item. Really only useful in a index 'sort by', 'group by' or 'unique by' qualifier.
- gidx Returns an aSCII representation of the position in its group for an item.

only useful in a 'sort by' qualifier.

-index

Returns an aSCII representation of the negative of a gelt table index of an item. Really



azrn3	Describes distance and b	earing; uses proximity	descriptor if distance is zero.

azrn4 Describes distance and bearing only if distance is greater than zero.

county\_count Returns an aSCII representation of the count of the number of items returned from a gelt query, followed by the same output one would get from the `counties\_type' translation.

alpha Removes all non-alphabetic characters.

- S Blank if the item count is less than two, otherwise returns "S".
- s Blank if the item count is less than two, otherwise returns "s".

#### 2.5.1. Product ID's

When first configuring WWA and WarnGen it is important to make sure that the product ids which WWA and warnGen pass to the wwaServer are consistent with the actual ids of the local office.

### **To Verify the Product ID**:

- 1. Open an xterm window on either lx1 or lx2
- 2. Log into ds1:

#### rlogin ds1

- 3. Change to the log directory by typing logs
- 5. Read the last few lines of the latest log file: tail -f <wwaServer file name>
- 6. Launch the WWA application if not already active: Select from desktop menu bar
- 7. Generate a product using both WWA and WarnGen. A new line will appear in the log file viewable from the step conducted in line 5.
- 8. Verify that the product ID after ".productId" matches what you would expect. If the product ID does not match read the *Inconsistent Product ID* section below step 12.
- 9. Stop the tail operation active in the xterm window by typing: ctrl-c
- 10. Exit the DS1 login by typing:
  exit
- 11. Close the xterm window by typing:

  exit

12. Close the WWA application by selecting the *Exit* button located on the bottom right of the WWA monitor.

# **Inconsistent Product ID**:

WWA uses the following for the IDs which are passed to the server:

\${NODE} NNN \${AFOS\_SITE}, where NODE and AFOS\_SITE are defined in /awips/adapt/ifps/bin/ifps-<site>.env and NNN is the appropriate entry in the characteristics table (issue\_id, follow\_id, clear\_id, or cancel\_id). Modify the NODE or AFOS\_SITE by editing the ifps-<site>.env file. The product category (NNN) may be changed by using the WWA Admin application.

# WarnGen uses the following for the IDs which are passed to the server:

\${CCC} NNN \${XXX}, where CCC and XXX are defined in /awips/fxa/data/localization/<site>/<site>-mainConfig.txt. If these are incorrect, look below on how to change them. NNN is defined in the template file for each product (/awips/fxa/data/localization/nationalData/wwa\*.preWWA). Within the templates there is a substitution called AUX\_INFO. The AUX\_INFO substitution specifies the details of the hazard so that the product is stored in the WWA database. One of the fields is "issue\_prod". Look at this field to verify that NNN is correct (Note: \$cccValue! and \$xxxValue! will be expanded based on CCC and XXX as defined above).

**Note**: Just saving the product will cause the issued flag to be switched if the product is saved under the official ID. If a forecaster wants to modify a product and save it prior to sending it out they should save the product under the work ID and then switch the ID prior to sending the product out.

### **AUX INFO substitution Example:**

<AUX\_INFO |geo\_decriptor=1 |wwa\_type = 3 |wx\_hazard=Winter Storm |specific hazard=Snow|issue prod=\$\$cccValue!WSW\$\$xxxValue>

geo descriptor: 1 (for a zone based product), 2 (for a county based product)

wwa type: 1 (for a watch), 2 (for a warning), 3 (for an advisory), 4 (for a statement)

wx\_hazard: The weather hazard as found in the WWA Admin application specific hazard: The specific wx hazard as found in the WWA Admin application

issue\_prod: \$\$cccValue!NNN\$\$xxxValue!

If not specified in the template file, geo\_descriptor defaults to 2 and wwa\_type defaults to 2. If the AUX\_INFO substitution is not included in the warnGen template, then WWA will never recognize the warnGen product, If the entries in AUX\_INFO don't exactly match an entry in the characteristics table, then the product will remain unissued in the WWA Monitor, and NWR messages will not be generated.

### WWA and warnGen use the following for the IDs which are formatted in the text:

\$\$cccValue!NNN\$\$xxxValue! is used in the text template at the appropriate spot in the header. NNN is defined in each text template dependant upon the type of product. \$\$cccValue! and \$\$xxxValue! are defined by \${CURRENT\_CWA}-offIncl.txt which is further defined by CCC and XXX values in /awips/fxa/data/localization/<site>/<site>-mainConfig.txt. If these are incorrect, look below for the method to correct them.

# If CCC or XXX needs to be changed:

CCC and XXX are defined in /awips/fxa/data/localization/<site>/<site>-mainConfig.txt. This file will only have CCC defined initially. The software defaults to \$FXA\_LOCAL\_SITE for XXX if XXX is not defined in <site>-mainConfig.txt. Place a copy of /awips/fxa/data/localization/<site>-/<site>-mainConfig.txt in /data/fxa/customFiles so that your changes are not overwritten during the next install. Also, this location is viewable from all workstations so the changes do not need to be pushed out to all workstations. Change the value after @@@CCC as needed, and if XXX needs to be changed, then at the end of the file, add the following line: @@@XXX KKK where KKK is the value you wish to be used as the XXX substitution. Note that XXXL and XXXR are not related to this issue, so a specific XXX line must be added. If the issue\_prod needs to be modified, copy the template to /data/fxa/customFiles and make the necessary changes. If either file is changed you will need to do a "wwa" localization as defined in section 2.6 of this document.

#### 2.6. WWA Localization

This section describes localization as it relates to WWA. Localization uses the preWWA files in the /awips/fxa/data/localization/nationalData directory to create the template (.wwaProd) files, which are stored in /awips/fxa/data/localizationDataSets/CCC (CCC - Site id). When localization is run the script makeWWAtables.csh is responsible for making site specific WWA template files. The script constructs the template files by making substitutions in the preWWA files. The variables to be substituted in the preWWA files are preceded by three at symbols "@@@". The script replaces these variables with the site specific definition of that variable. This allows for substitutions such as state and state abbreviations to be correctly formatted for each site when localization is run. For example, the variable "@@@1" in the sls\_county\_block.template file will be replaced with the state abbreviation. Once all the substitutions are completed the file extensions are changed to ".wwaProd" and are placed into the site's localization directory.

### Steps to run WWA localization WWA template files:

- 1. Open an xterm window on lx1.
- 2. Login as user fxa:

su -l fxa

<enter fxa password when prompted>

3. Run WWA localization by typing:

/awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/mainScript.csh -wwa

- 4. Exit fxa login session, and xterm window by typing:

  exit

  exit
- 5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 for 1x2

### Steps to run WWA localization for NWR template files:

- 1. Open an xterm window on 1x1.
- 2. Login as user fxa:

su -1 fxa

<enter fxa password when prompted>

3. Remotely connect to DS1 by typing:

rlogin ds1

<enter password if prompted>

4. Run WWA localization by typing:

/awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/mainScript.csh -wwa

5. Exit DS1 login session, fxa user session, and xterm window by typing:

exit

exit

exit

# 2.7. WWA Site Backup

With the switch to independent localizations for site backup WFOs can define how products are generated while in backup mode. The first option is to utilize local template files while backing up another WFO or to used template files retrieved from the primary/secondary backup sites. In either case it will be necessary to define separate WWA template files for the local site, primary, and secondary backup sites as part of the independent localization process. The following steps suggest two different methods to configure WWA for site backup procedures.

### **Use Local Template Files For Site Backup**:

- 1. Open an xterm window on 1x1.
- 2. Login as user fxa:

su -1 fxa

<enter fxa password when prompted>

- \*\* Primary Site Backup Steps \*\*

- 4. Copy all local template files from the *customFiles* directory to the newly created *WWAPrimary* directory by typing (sites using nationalData files should copy from /awips/fxa/data/localization/nationalData):
  - cp /data/fxa/customFiles/wwa\_\*.preWWA /tmp/WWAPrimary
- 6. Rename <u>each</u> template file to begin with CCC- which can be done by typing:

  mv <name>.preWWA CCC-<name>.preWWA

  ← name = file name &

  CCC = primary backup

  site id
- 7. Edit <u>each</u> template to remove any local defined fields or to adjust fields to better represent the site being backed up.
- 8. Once the primary backup site templates have been prepared move each template to the *customFiles* directory by typing:

mv CCC-\*.preWWA /data/fxa/customFiles ← CCC = primary backup site id

- \*\* Secondary Site Backup Steps \*\*
- 10. Copy all local template files from the *customFiles* directory to the newly created *WWASecondary* directory by typing (sites using nationalData files should copy from /awips/fxa/data/localization/nationalData):

  cp /data/fxa/customFiles/wwa\_\*.preWWA /tmp/WWASecondary
- 11. Change into new WWASecondary directory: cd /tmp/WWASecondary
- 12. Rename <u>each</u> template file to begin with CCC- which can be done by typing:

  mv <name>.preWWA CCC-<name>.preWWA

  CCC = secondary backup

  site id
- 13. Edit <u>each</u> template to remove any local defined fields or to adjust fields to better represent the site being backed up.
- 14. Once the secondary backup site templates have been prepared move each template to the customFiles directory by typing:

  mv CCC-\*.preWWA /data/fxa/customFiles ← CCC = secondary site id
- 15. Delete WWAPrimary and WWASecondary directories by typing:

rmdir /tmp/WWAPrimary rmdir /tmp/WWASecondary

- 16. Run WWA lxl localization by typing:
  /awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/mainScript.csh -wwa
- 17. Remotely connect to 1x2 by typing:

rlogin 1x2
<enter password if prompted>

18. Run WWA lx2 localization by typing:

/awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/mainScript.csh -wwa

19. Exit lx2 login session, fxa user session, and xterm window by typing:

exit exit exit

# **Use Primary/Secondary Backup Site Template Files**:

- 1. Contact the primary and secondary backup sites and retrieve the prepared tar file containing their WWA template files.
- 2. Open an xterm window on 1x1.
- 3. Login as user fxa:

su -l fxa
<enter fxa password when prompted>

- 4. Create a temp directory in /tmp by typing: mkdir /tmp/wwa
- 5. Copy the of the primary .tar file into to the newly created www directory by typing:

  CCC = backup

  cp <path>/CCC-WWAOB2Templates.tar /tmp/wwa

  ← site & path = file location
- 6. Change into new wwa directory: cd /tmp/wwa
- 7. Uncompress the tar file by typing:

  tar -xvf CCC-WWAOB2Templates.tar

  ← CCC = backup site id
- 8. Rename <u>each</u> template file to begin with CCC- which can be done by typing:

  mv <name>.preWWA CCC-<name>.preWWA

  ccc = backup site id
- 9. Edit <u>each</u> template to remove any local defined fields or to adjust fields to better represent the site being backed up.
  Such fields could be hardwired local site ids, CTA statements etc...

pico CCC-<name>.preWWA ← CCC = backup site id & name = file name

10. Once the template files have been prepared move each template to the

customFiles directory by typing:

mv CCC-\*.preWWA /data/fxa/customFiles 

← CCC = backup site id

- 11. Repeat steps 5 through 10 for the secondary backup site.
- 12. Delete wwa directory by typing:

cd

rmdir /tmp/wwa

13. Run WWA lx1 localization by typing:

/awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/mainScript.csh -wwa

14. Remotely connect to 1x2 by typing:

rlogin lx2

<enter password if prompted>

15. Run WWA lx2 localization by typing:

/awips/fxa/data/localization/scripts/mainScript.csh -wwa

16. Exit 1x2 login session, fxa user session, and xterm window by typing:

exit

exit

exit

### **Prepare Local Template files For Another WFO:**

- 1. Open an xterm window on lx1.
- 2. Login as user fxa:

su -1 fxa

<enter fxa password when prompted>

3. Change into either customFiles directory or nationalData directory depending on which template files are being used. For some sites this could be a mix of both. Chose the instruction that best represents your site.

Files in nationalData:

cd /awips/fxa/data/localization/nationalData

Files in customFiles:

cd /data/fxa/customFiles

4. Compress WWA Template files by typing:

tar -cvf CCC-WWAOB2Templates.tar wwa\_\*.preWWA ← CCC = local site id

- 5. The local template files are now prepared if backup sites request these files.
- 4. Exit fxa session and xterm window by typing:

exit

exit

# 2.8. Watch by County / Watch County Notification backup

WWA does not currently support backup procedures for the WCN process. Something to be addressed at a future date.

# 3. USING THE WATCH, WARNING, ADVISORY APPLICATION

The OB2 WWA client is only supported for Linux however it is still possible to run WWA from the HP workstation by selecting the provided menu option described below. Although the client interface will run on the Linux box the display will automatically port to the HP system where activated.

# Launch WWA on lx1 or lx2:

1. On either lx1 or lx2 select the WWA option from the linux menu bar

### Launch WWA on HP workstations:

- 1. From the HP workstation desktop menu select the either the option to launch WWA from lx1 or lx2.
  - Keep in mind that the number of WWA applications running at the same time is limited to 3 per Linux system.

#### 3.1. Creating Watch, Warning, Advisory Products

#### 3.1.1. Generating a single segmented WWA product

<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	No highlighted product in WWA Monitor	
<b>Event Course:</b>	Generating a single segmented WWA product.	
1) Soloct New from the WWA Monitor to lounch the Composer interface		

- 1) Select New... from the WWA Monitor to launch the Composer interface.
- 2) Select a *Hazard* type from the WWA Composer pull down menu.
- 3) Select geographical area of hazard on WWA Geo-Viewer.
- 4) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer.
- 5) Select the Overview/Synopsis and/or Descriptive text buttons to enter free text (product dependent).
- 6) Select any Optional Bullets from the Composer.
- 7) Select Transmit to open WWA transmit window display.
- 8) Evaluate the final product, then select Yes to disseminate.
  - Select No and return to product preparation process.

<b>Post-Conditions:</b>	New issued (white) product in WWA Monitor, public dissemination of product.	
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## 3.1.2. Generating a multi-segmented WWA product

<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	No highlighted product in WWA Monitor
<b>Event Course:</b>	Generating a multi-segmented WWA product

- 1) Select New... from the WWA Monitor to launch the Composer interface.
- 2) Select a *Hazard* type from the WWA Composer pull down menu.
- 3) Select geographical area of hazard on WWA Geo-Viewer.
- 4) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer.
- 5) Select the Overview/Synopsis and/or Descriptive text buttons to enter free text (product dependent).
- 6) Select any Optional Bullets from the Composer.
- 7) Select Save Only... to store segment in WWA Monitor.
- 8) Repeat steps 2-7 for each new hazard segment.
- 9) In the WWA Monitor highlight each generated segment for collection into final WWA product.
- 10) Select *Transmit* from the WWA Monitor to display transmit interface.
- 11) Evaluate the final product, then select *Yes* to disseminate.
  - Select No and return to product preparation process.

Post-Conditions:	New issued (white) product in WWA Monitor, public dissemination of product.	
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# 3.1.3. Time extension of an issued single segmented product

<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	• Issued (white) product for follow-up in WWA Monitor		
Event Course:	Time extension of an issued single segmented product		
1) Highlight issued product in the WWA Monitor.			
2) Select Followup from the WWA Monitor to launch the Composer interface.			
3) Adjust Begins,	3) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer.		
4) Select the Overview/Synopsis and/or Descriptive text buttons to enter free text (product dependent).			
5) Select any <i>Optional Bullets</i> from the Composer.			
6) Select Transmit from the WWA Monitor to display transmit interface.			
7) Evaluate the final product, then select <i>Yes</i> to disseminate.  • Select <i>No</i> and return to product preparation process.			
<b>Post-Conditions:</b>	New issued (white) product in WWA Monitor, public dissemination of product.		
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# 3.1.4. Areal expansion of an issued WWA product

<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	• Issued (white) product for follow-up in WWA Monitor			
Event Course:	Areal expansion of an issued WWA product			
1) Highlight issued product in the WWA Monitor.				
2) Select Followup from the WWA Monitor to launch the Composer interface.				
3) Select new zone or county in WWA Geo-Viewer				
3) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer.				
4) Select the Overview/Synopsis and/or Descriptive text buttons to enter free text (product dependent).				
5) Select any Optional Bullets from the Composer.				
6) Select Transmit from the WWA Monitor to display transmit interface.				
7) Evaluate the final product, then select <i>Yes</i> to disseminate.  • Select <i>No</i> and return to product preparation process.				

Post-Conditions:	New issued (white) product in WWA Monitor, public dissemination of product.	
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## 3.1.5. Cancel an issued WWA product

<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	• Issued (white) product in WWA Monitor	
<b>Event Course:</b>	Cancel an issued WWA product	
1) Highlight issued product in the WWA Monitor.		
2) Select Cancel from the WWA Monitor to launch the Composer interface.		
3) Adjust <i>Expires</i> , and <i>ProdExp</i> time fields in the WWA Composer if 1 hour default not desired		
4) Select Transmit from the WWA Monitor to display transmit interface.		
5) Evaluate the final product, then select <i>Yes</i> to disseminate. • Select <i>No</i> and return to product preparation process.		
Post-Conditions:	New issued (white) product in WWA Monitor, public dissemination of product.	
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# 3.1.6. Clearing a zone/county from an issued WWA product

<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	• Issued (white) product in WWA Monitor		
<b>Event Course:</b>	Clear a zone/county from an issued WWA product		
1) Highlight issue	1) Highlight issued product in the WWA Monitor.		
2) Select Clear f	2) Select Clear from the WWA Monitor to launch the Composer interface.		
3) Select zone or o	3) Select zone or county on WWA Geo-Viewer to clear from product.		
4) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer.			
5) Select the Overview/Synopsis and/or Descriptive text buttons to enter free text (product dependent).			
6) Select any <i>Opti</i>	6) Select any <i>Optional Bullets</i> from the Composer.		
7) Select <i>Transmit</i> from the WWA Monitor to display transmit interface.			
8) Evaluate the final product, then select <i>Yes</i> to disseminate. • Select <i>No</i> and return to product preparation process.			

<b>Post-Conditions:</b>	New issued (white) product in WWA Monitor, public dissemination of product.	
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## 3.1.7. Upgrade a WSW/NPW watch: upgrade function active

Pre-Conditions:	• Issued (white) product in WWA Monitor • Upgrade function active
<b>Event Course:</b>	Upgrade WSW/NPW from a watch: upgrade function active

- 1) Select New... from the WWA Monitor to launch the Composer interface.
- 2) Select the correct hazard upgrade for issued watch from the Composer hazard menu.
- 3) Select the geographical area of hazard that overlaps current watch on the WWA Geo-Viewer.
- 3) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer.
- 4) Select the Overview/Synopsis and/or Descriptive text buttons to enter free text (product dependent).
- 5) Select any Optional Bullets from the Composer.
- 6) Select Transmit from the WWA Monitor to display transmit interface.
- 7) A "virtual" segment window will display with the original watch text, tweak text accordingly and select Save & Close.
  - Text changes optional, select Cancel to exit with out saving changes.
- 8) Evaluate the final product, then select Yes to disseminate.
  - Select No and return to product preparation process.

<b>Post-Conditions:</b>	New issued (white) product in WWA Monitor, public dissemination of product.	
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## 3.1.8. Upgrade a WSW/NPW watch: upgrade function inactive

Pre-Conditions:	• Issued (white) product in WWA Monitor • Upgrade function active
<b>Event Course:</b>	Upgrade WSW/NPW from a watch: upgrade function inactive

- 1) In the WWA Monitor highlight the issued (white) watch.
- 2) Select Follow-up... from the WWA Monitor to launch the Composer interface.
- 3) Deselect zones or counties in the GeoViewer being upgraded, to cancel them from watch.
- 4) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer as needed.
- 5) Select the Save Only... button on the WWA Composer.
- 6) Close the WWA Composer by selecting the Close button located on the bottom right of interface.
- 7) Select the New... button from the WWA Monitor to generate an upgrade segment.
- 8) Select the upgraded *Hazard* type from the WWA Composer pull down menu.
- 9) Select geographical area of hazard on WWA Geo-Viewer.
- 10) Adjust *Begins*, *Expires*, and *ProdExp* time fields in the WWA Composer.
- 11) Select the Overview/Synopsis and/or Descriptive text buttons to enter free text (product dependent).
- 12) Select any *Optional Bullets* from the Composer.
- 13) Select the *Save Only...* button on the WWA Composer.
- 14) Repeat steps 9 through 13 for each hazard upgrade.
- 15) Close the WWA Composer by selecting the *Close* button located on the bottom right of interface.
- 16) Select all generated segments (tan) from the WWA monitor
- 17) Select Transmit from the WWA Monitor to display transmit interface.
- 18) Evaluate the final product, then select *Yes* to disseminate.
  - Select No and return to product preparation process.

<b>Post-Conditions:</b>	New issued (white) product in WWA Monitor, public dissemination of product.	
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# 3.2. Watch By County / Watch County Notification product generation

## 3.2.1. Create a WCN with *No* other active watch

Pre-Conditions:	• SPC Issued WOU • No other active watch • Format active
<b>Event Course:</b>	Create a WCN with No other active watch
<ol> <li>Create a WCN with No other active watch</li> <li>In the provided, edit enabled, text editor on the Text Workstation complete the AWIPS         Header Block information (ie CCCWCNXXX, DEF) and select the enter button.         <ul> <li>If not automatically displayed on the Text Workstation defined in enter WRKWG# (where # is the defined workstation) into the entry box to the right of AFOS_Cmd on the XT text editor, select Enter on the keyboard, then Enter Editor button to edit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Select the Send button on the Text Workstation         <ul> <li>Note: Do not edit the UGC line. If an extra county is in the WCN product or a county is missing or the purge time is incorrect, you must start over! If WWA is configured correctly there should be no reason to edit the generated WCN.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
Post-Conditions:	Generated WCN product issued (white) in WWA Monitor. Public dissemination of WCN product.
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# 3.2.2. Clear geographical area from watch, No other active watch

<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	• No other active watch
<b>Event Course:</b>	Clear geographical area from watch, No other active watch
1) Select the issued (white) WCN watch in the WWA - Monitor.	
2) Select the <i>Clear</i> button.  • The "WWA Composer - Clear" window will open.	
<ul> <li>3) In the GeoViewer, select counties you wish to clear from the watch.</li> <li>• The counties that you are clearing will be highlighted in yellow while the counties that remain in the watch will continue to be highlighted in blue.</li> </ul>	
4) Select <i>Transmit</i> from the WWA Composer to display transmit interface.	
5) Evaluate the final product, then select <i>Yes</i> to disseminate. • Select <i>No</i> and return to product preparation process.	
Post-Conditions:	Generated WCN product issued (white) in WWA Monitor. Public dissemination of WCN product.
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# 3.2.3. Cancel an existing watch, No other active watch

Pre-Conditions:	• No other active watch • Format active	
<b>Event Course:</b>	Cancel an existing watch, No other active watch	
1) Highlight the i	1) Highlight the issued (white) watch in the WWA Monitor.	
2) Select the Cancel button.  • The "WWA Composer - Cancel" window will open.		
3) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer as needed.		
4) Select <i>Transmit</i> from the WWA Monitor to display transmit interface.		
5) Evaluate the final product, then select <i>Yes</i> to disseminate. • Select <i>No</i> and return to product preparation process.		
Post-Conditions:	Generated WCN product issued (white) in WWA Monitor. Public dissemination of WCN product.	
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## 3.2.4. Create WCN no county overlap, one or more active watch

Pre-Conditions:	<ul><li>One or more active watch</li><li>Green unissued WCN in WWA-Monitor</li></ul>
<b>Event Course:</b>	Create WCN no county overlap, one or more active watch

- 1) Close the formatted/generated WCN product automatically displayed on the text workstation, created from SPC's new WOU.
  - This will be in edit mode in the XT editor. If not open then skip this step.
- 2) Highlight the active & issued WCN (white) product in the WWA Monitor and then select the *Follow-up* button.
- 3) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer as needed.
- 4) Select the Save Only button on the WWA Composer.
- 5) Close the WWA composer by selecting the *Close* button.
- 6) Repeat steps 2 through 4 for all active watches in CWA.
- 7) Highlight the tan (follow-up WCN) and highlight the recently generated "green" (New SPC watch) product in the WWA Monitor and then select the *Transmit* button.
  - Select all follow-up WCN segments (tan) in the case of more than one active watch to collect each segment.
- 8) Evaluate the final product, then select Yes to disseminate.
  - Select No and return to product preparation process.

Post-Conditions:	Generated WCN product issued (white) in WWA Monitor. Public dissemination of WCN product.
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Pre-Conditions:	• SPC issued WOU • One or more active watch • Format active
<b>Event Course:</b>	Create a new watch, with one or more active watch and with county overlap
1) Close the formatted/generated WCN product automatically displayed on the text workstation, created from SPC's new WOU.  • This will be in edit mode in the XT editor. If not open then skip this step.	

- 2) Highlight the active & issued WCN (white) product in the WWA Monitor and then select the Clear button.
  - WWA Composer will open. Adjust any times if necessary.
- 3) Deselect the overlapping counties from the WWA-GeoViewer.
- 4) Select the Save Only button on the WWA Composer.
- 5) Close the WWA composer by selecting the *Close* button.
  - Product should change color from white to tan.
- 6) Repeat steps 2 through 4 for all active watches in CWA.
- 7) Highlight the tan (cleared WCN) and highlight the recently generated "green" (New SPC watch) product in the WWA Monitor and then select the *Transmit* button.
  - Select all cleared WCN segments (tan) in the case of more than one active watch to collect each segment.
- 8) Evaluate the final product, then select Yes to disseminate.
  - Select No and return to product preparation process.

Post-Conditions:	Generated WCN product issued (white) in WWA Monitor. Public dissemination of WCN product.
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# 3.2.6. Clear a portion of the watch, with one or more active watch, and with county overlap

<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	One or more active watch
<b>Event Course:</b>	Create a portion of the watch, with one or more active watch, and with county overlap

- 1) Highlight the issued (white) watch in the WWA Monitor.
- 2) Select the Clear button.
- 3) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer as needed.
- 4) In the GeoViewer, select the counties you wish to clear from the watch.
  - Counties that you are clearing will be highlighted in yellow while the counties that remain in the watch will continue to be highlighted in blue.
- 5) In the WWA Composer select the Save Only button and close the Composer.
- 6) Select the existing watch (white) in the WWA Monitor.
  - Any watch that has not been cleared via the five preceding steps.
- 7) Click on the Follow-up button on the WWA Monitor.
- 8) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer as needed.
- 9) Select the Save Only button and close the Composer window.
- 10) Repeat steps 6 through 8 for each remaining & issued watch that you want part of the new product.
- 11) Highlight the unissued cleared watch and the other unissued followed up watches in the WWA Monitor.
- 12) Select the *Transmit* button on the WWA Monitor
- 13) Evaluate the final product, then select Yes to disseminate.
  - Select No and return to product preparation process.

Post-Conditions:	Issued (white) WCN in WWA Monitor. Public dissemination of WCN product.	
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#### 3.2.7. Cancel a watch with one or more active watch

<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	One or more active watch	
<b>Event Course:</b>	Cancel a watch with one or more active watch	
1) In the WWA N	Monitor, select the issued watch (white) to be canceled.	
2) Select the Cancel button from the WWA Monitor		
3) Adjust Begins,	Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer as needed.	
4) In the WWA (	Composer select the Save Only button and close the Composer interface.	
6) Select the existing watch (white) in the WWA Monitor • Any watch that has not been cancelled via the five preceding steps.		
7) Click on the Follow-up button in the WWA Monitor		
8) Adjust Begins,	8) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer as needed.	
9) Select the Save	9) Select the Save Only button and close the Composer window.	
10) Repeat steps product.	10) Repeat steps 6 through 8 for each remaining & issued watch that you want part of the new product.	
11) Highlight the	11) Highlight the unissued cancelled watch and the other unissued followed up watches in the	

12) Select the *Transmit* button from the WWA Monitor.

WWA Monitor.

- 13) Evaluate the final product, then select Yes to disseminate.
  - Select No and return to product preparation process.

<b>Post-Conditions:</b>	Issued (white) WCN in WWA Monitor. Public dissemination of WCN product.	
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<b>Pre-Conditions:</b>	One or more active watch
<b>Event Course:</b>	Cancel multiple watches

- 1) In the WWA Monitor, select the issued watch (white) to be canceled.
- 2) Select the Cancel button from the WWA Monitor
- 3) Adjust Begins, Expires, and ProdExp time fields in the WWA Composer as needed.
- 4) In the WWA Composer select the Save Only button and close the Composer interface.
- 6) Repeat steps 1 through 4 until all the watches you want to cancel have been saved to the WWA Monitor.
- 7) Select the existing watch in the WWA Monitor
  - Any watch that has not been cancelled via the six preceding steps.
- 8) Select the Follow-up button in the WWA Monitor
- 9) Select the Save Only button and close the Composer window."
- 10) Repeat steps 7 through 9 for each remaining issued watch that you want to be a part of the product.
- 11) Highlight the unissued cancelled watch and the other unissued followed up watches in the WWA Monitor.
- 12) Select the *Transmit* button from the WWA Monitor.
- 13) Evaluate the final product, then select Yes to disseminate.
  - Select No and return to product preparation process.

Post-Conditions:	Issued (white) WCN in WWA Monitor. Public dissemination of WCN product.	
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#### 3.3. Running WWA in Backup Mode

#### Launch WWA on lx1 or lx2 in back up mode:

- 1. Open an xterm window on either lx1 or lx2if done as awipsusr go to step 3
- 2. Login as user awipsusr:

su -l awipsusr

<enter awipsusr password when prompted>

3. Launch the WWA application as backup site by typing:

wwa.bat -s CCC 

✓ Where CCC is uppercase backup site id

#### Launch WWA on HP workstations in back up mode:

- 1. Open an xterm window on an HPif done as awipsusr go to step 3
- 2. Login as user awipsusr:

su -l awipsusr

<enter awipsusr password when prompted>

3. Remotely log into lx1 or lx2
 ssh -l awipsusr <loc>

★ Where loc IP address of lx1 or lx2 or alias such as lx1-pgr

4. Launch WWA program as desired backup site:

wwa.bat -s CCC ← Where CCC is uppercase backup site id

#### 4. REFERENCES

#### 4.1. Troubleshooting Tips

# 4.1.1. Transmitting Error Message "A WWA product transmit currently pending. Please try again later"

An error checking routine was built into this version of WWA associated with the transmit that prohibits multiple transmit windows from being activate at the same time from any WWA application regardless of the workstation. This function was added to protect WWA database integrity. If this message is displayed and no other WWA application is running with an active transmit window on any workstation and you're sure an error has occurred it is possible to override this transmission block by following these steps:

- 1. Close transmit window and keep WWA running, open an xterm window on lx1 or lx2.

- 4. Close xterm window: exit
- 5. \*Select *transmit* button on WWA composer and continue with transmit process.
  - \* If block is still active contact NCF for assistance.

#### 4.1.2. WWA headline editor will not open correctly

On very random occasions the headline editor was observed to open incorrectly, smaller than the example shown in section 1.1.4. When this happens forecasters will need resize the editor by selecting & holding the left mouse button on the bottom right corner of the window and then dragging the window to an acceptable size.

#### 4.1.3. Trouble editing HWO product fields

The approved HWO template file used to generate the hazardous wether outlook is incorrectly formatted. The fields:

.DAY ONE...

.DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...

NO HAZARDOUS WEATHER IS EXPECTED AT THIS TIME.

.SPOTTER INFORMATION STATEMENT...

are defined in the hazard headline section of the template file. Because of this placement sites will first need activate the headline editor option to edit the described fields or change customize the national template file and redefine these fields to be included at the time of product generation by using the descriptive text free text editor.

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#### 4.3. Additional and Related Material

Meteorological Development Laboratory (MDL) Documents:

Decision Assistance Branch Web Page: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/dab/decisionassistbr.htm">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/dab/decisionassistbr.htm</a> WWA Web page: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa</a>

• WWA OB2 Documents:

Self-contained Design Doc: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/SelfContainedWWA.pdf">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/SelfContainedWWA.pdf</a>
WWA Admin Design Doc: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWAAdminDesign.PDF">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWAAdminDesign.PDF</a>
WWA Admin Interface Doc: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWA-OB2-000-PRODSUM.pdf">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWA-OB2-000-PRODSUM.pdf</a>
New in OB2 Doc: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWA-OB2-000-NEW.pdf">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWA-OB2-000-NEW.pdf</a>
Release notes: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWA-OB2-000-Release.pdf">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWA-OB2-000-Release.pdf</a>
WWA Admin Users Manual: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWA-OB2-000-Admin.pdf">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWA-OB2-000-Admin.pdf</a>

• Office of Climate, Water, & Weather Services (OCWWS) Documents:

VTEC: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/vtec/index.shtml">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/vtec/index.shtml</a>

WCN format requirements: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WBCFormatReqFinal.pdf">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WBCFormatReqFinal.pdf</a>
Upgrade/Downgrade requirement: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWAupgradedowngradever2.pdf">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWAupgradedowngradever2.pdf</a>
Headline Time Phrase requirement: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWAHeadlineTimePhrase.pdf">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/docs/WWAHeadlineTimePhrase.pdf</a>
Zone/County Name requirement: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/zone\_county\_names.pdf">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/wwa/zone\_county\_names.pdf</a>

• Linux Reference:

Pico Editor: <a href="http://www.uic.edu/depts/accc/software/pine/pico.html">http://www.uic.edu/depts/accc/software/pine/pico.html</a>

AWIPS System References:

Data Management: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/index.html">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/index.html</a>
a2a Cross Reference: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/a2a/a2a.html">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/a2a/a2a.html</a>

## Appendix A

This appendix serves as a reference to key locations parsed in the SPC WCL product, by the WWA WCL ingest routine. The fields highlighted in figure 14 are searched to gather information by this routine and if missing or outside the expected format will cause the process to malfunction. This has been coordinated through the development process between SPC and MDL.

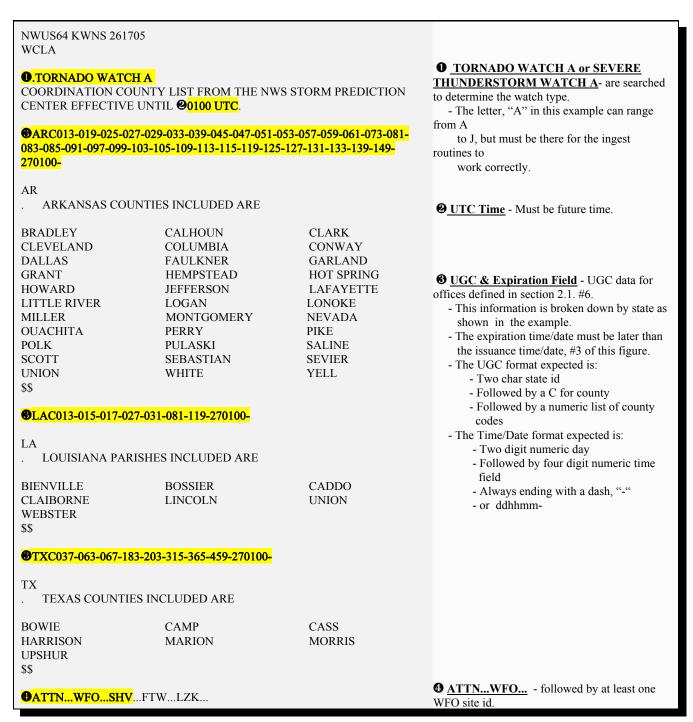


Figure 14 - SPC WCL product example with highlighted WWA key locations.

## Appendix B

This appendix serves as a reference to key locations parsed in the SPC WOU product, by the WWA WOU ingest routine. The fields highlighted in figure 15 are searched to gather information by this routine and if missing or outside the expected format will cause the process to malfunction. This has been coordinated through the development process between SPC and MDL.

WOUS64 KWNS 2617 WOU1	750	• TORNADO or SEVERE THUNDERSTORM - are searched to determine the watch type.			
	H OUTLINE UPDATE FOR CTION CENTER NORMAI MAY 26 2001	<b>WT # or WS #</b> - are searched for to retrieve the SPC managed watch number used in the WCN product which also includes the VTEC ETN.			
TORNADO WATCH THE FOLLOWING LO	1002 IS IN EFFECT UNTIL OCATIONS:	<u>Time/Date Line</u> - Must be current and be an earlier time than found in the expiration field, #4 in this figure.			
	27-029-033-039-045-047-05 097-099-103-105-109-113-				
AR . ARKANSAS COU	NTIES INCLUDED ARE				
LA . LOUSIANA PARI BIENVILLE CLAIBORNE	CLARK CONWAY FAULKNER GRANT HOWARD LOGAN MONTGOMERY PERRY POPE SCOTT UNION  27-031-081-119-270100- SHES INCLUDED ARE BOSSIER DE SOTO	CLEVELAND CRAWFORD FRANKLIN HEMPSTEAD LAFAYETTE LONOKE NEVADA PIKE PULASKI SEBASTIAN YELL  CADDO RED RIVER	● UGC & Expiration Fields - UGC data for offices defined in section 2.1. #6.  - This information is broken down by state as shown in the example.  - The expiration time/date must be later than the issuance time/date, #4 in this figure.  - The UGC format expected is:  - Two char state id  - Followed by a C for county  - Followed by a numeric list of county codes  - The Time/Date format expected is:  - Two digit numeric day  - Followed by four digit numeric time field  - Always ending with a dash, "-"  - or ddhhmm-		
WEBSTER \$\$	33-203-315-365-459-270100	<b>.</b>			
TX	es included are	<del>,</del>			
BOWIE GREGG MORRIS \$\$	CAMP HARRISON PAYOLA	CASS MARION UPSHUR			
<b>6</b> ATTNWFOSHV	FTW LZK		<b>6</b> <u>ATTNWFO</u> - followed by at least one WFO site id.		

Figure 15 - SPC WOU product example with highlighted WWA key locations.

## Appendix C

This appendix provides a WMO header reference to determine the correct WMO ID when defining locally testing the WCL & WOU interactions with WWA. Checking updates to this information can be done by referencing: <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/a2a/a2a.html">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/a2a/a2a.html</a>

ABQWCNABQ	WWUS65	KABQ	GTFWCNGTF	WWUS65	KTFX	PHXWCNFGZ	WWUS65	KFGZ
ALBWCNALY	WWUS61	KALY	GTFWCNMSO	WWUS65	KMSO	PHXWCNPHX	WWUS65	KPSR
ALBWCNBGM	WWUS61	KBGM	GTFWCNTFX	WWUS65	KTFX	PHXWCNPSR	WWUS65	KPSR
ALBWCNBTV	WWUS61	KBTV	HUNWCNHUN	WWUS64	KHUN	PHXWCNTWC	WWUS65	KTWC
ARBWCNAPN	WWUS63	KAPX	INDWCNFWA	WWUS63	KIWX	PITWCNPBZ	WWUS61	KPBZ
ARBWCNAPX	WWUS63	KAPX	INDWCNIND	WWUS63	KIND	PWMWCNCAR	WWUS61	KCAR
ARBWCNDTX	WWUS63	KDTX	JANWCNJAN	WWUS64	KJAN	PWMWCNGYX	WWUS61	KGYX
ARBWCNGRR	WWUS63	KGRR	LAXWCNLAX	WWUS66	KLOX	RDUWCNILM	WWUS62	KILM
ATLWCNATL	WWUS62	KFFC	LAXWCNLOX	WWUS66	KLOX	${\tt RDUWCNMHX}$	WWUS62	KMHX
BHMWCNBHM	WWUS64	KBMX	LAXWCNSGX	WWUS66	KSGX	${\tt RDUWCNRAH}$	WWUS62	KRAH
BISWCNBIS	WWUS63	KBIS	LBBWCNAMA	WWUS64	KAMA	${\tt RNOWCNLKN}$	WWUS65	KLKN
BISWCNFAR	WWUS63	KFGF	LBBWCNEPZ	WWUS64	KEPZ	${\tt RNOWCNREV}$	WWUS65	KREV
BISWCNFGF	WWUS63	KFGF	LBBWCNLBB	WWUS64	KLUB	${\tt RNOWCNRNO}$	WWUS65	KREV
BISWCNISN	WWUS63	KBIS	LBBWCNMAF	WWUS64	KMAF	${\tt RNOWCNVEF}$	WWUS65	KVEF
BOIWCNBOI	WWUS65	KBOI	LBBWCNSJT	WWUS64	KSJT	SATWCNCRP	WWUS64	KCRP
BOIWCNPIH	WWUS65	KPIH	LITWCNLIT	WWUS64	KLZK	SATWCNHGX	WWUS64	KHGX
BOSWCNBOX	WWUS61	KBOX	MEMWCNOHX	WWUS64	KOHX	SDFWCNJKL	WWUS63	KJKL
BUFWCNBUF	WWUS61	KBUF	MIAWCNEYW	WWUS62	KEYW	SDFWCNPAH	WWUS63	KPAH
CAEWCNCAE	WWUS62	KCAE	MIAWCNJAX	WWUS62	KJAX	SDFWCNSDF	WWUS63	KLMK
CAEWCNCHS	WWUS62	KCHS	MIAWCNTAE	WWUS62	KTAE	SEAWCNOTX	WWUS66	KOTX
CAEWCNGSP	WWUS62	KGSP	MIAWCNTBW	WWUS62	KTBW	SEAWCNSEA	WWUS66	KSEW
CHIWCNCHI	WWUS63	KLOT	MKEWCNARX	WWUS63	KARX	SEAWCNSEW	WWUS66	KSEW
CHIWCNDVN	WWUS63	KDVN	MKEWCNGRB	WWUS63	KGRB	SFOWCNEKA	WWUS66	KEKA
CHIWCNILX	WWUS63	KILX	MKEWCNLSE	WWUS63	KARX	SFOWCNHNX	WWUS66	KHNX
CLEWCNCLE	WWUS61	KCLE	MKEWCNMKE	WWUS63	KMKX	SFOWCNSFO	WWUS66	KMTR
CLEWCNILN	WWUS61	KILN	MSPWCNDLH	WWUS63	KDLH	SFOWCNSTO	WWUS66	KSTO
CRWWCNRLX	WWUS61	KRLX	MSPWCNRST	WWUS63	KMPX	SJUWCNSJU	WWCA62	TJSJ
CYSWCNCYS	WWUS65	KCYS	NYCWCNOKX	WWUS61	KOKX	SLCWCNSLC	WWUS65	KSLC
CYSWCNRIW	WWUS65	KRIW	OKCWCNOKC	WWUS64	KOUN	STLWCNEAX	WWUS63	KEAX
DENWCNDEN	WWUS65	KBOU	OKCWCNTSA	WWUS64	KTSA	STLWCNMCI	WWUS63	KEAX
DENWCNGJT			OMAWCNGID			STLWCNSGF	WWUS63	KSGF
DENWCNPUB	WWUS65	KPUB	OMAWCNGRI	WWUS63	KGID	STLWCNSTL	WWUS63	KLSX
DSMWCNALO	wwws63	KDMX	OMAWCNLBF	wwws63	KLBF	TOPWCNDDC	WWUS63	KDDC
FSDWCNABR			OMAWCNOMA	WWUS63	KOAX	TOPWCNGLD	WWUS63	KGLD
FSDWCNFSD	WWUS63	KFSD	PDXWCNPDT	WWUS66	KPDT	TOPWCNICT	WWUS63	KICT
FSDWCNRAP			PDXWCNPDX		~	TOPWCNTOP		-
FTWWCNFTW			PDXWCNPQR		-	WBCWCNAKQ		~
GTFWCNBYZ			PHLWCNCTP		_	WBCWCNLWX		
GTFWCNGGW	WWUS65	KGGW	PHLWCNPHI	WWUS61	KPHI	WBCWCNRNK	wwws61	KRN

Figure 16 - WCN AWIPS afos2awips.txt reference (WCN products only)